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Fall 2020 – Spring 2021

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Moose: June 1
Elk: June 10
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Moose Hunters

Improvements are coming to make moose management fairer and more consistent and to maintain healthy moose populations.

Learn about the changes and how they impact you in the Moose section of this summary and at **ontario.ca/moose**.

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Message from the Minister

As Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, I am very proud of Ontario's longstanding hunting tradition, and honoured to lead the ministry responsible for safeguarding its long-term sustainability.

Hunting is a great way to spend quality time outdoors with family and friends. It's an opportunity to pass along traditions and share knowledge with the next generation. It also promotes the values of stewardship, conservation and sustainability, which are essential to ensure Ontario can support continued hunting opportunities for generations to come.

Ontario's hunting opportunities are truly world class, and we all have a role to play to make sure they remain this way. Our government values our partnership with Ontario's hunters, many of whom are passionate conservationists. Thanks to this shared commitment, we have been successful at keeping Ontario's wildlife populations healthy.

Our government recognizes the importance of moose hunting to Ontario families and communities. This past year, we worked closely with Ontario's Big Game Management Advisory Committee to engage hunters and members of the public on ways to improve moose management. This includes addressing the many concerns we heard from hunters about the current moose tag draw.

This initiative, called the Moose Management Review, has resulted in a number of changes for the 2020 and 2021 hunting seasons. These changes will make tag allocation fairer and improve the overall customer service experience. They will also create desirable hunting opportunities while ensuring the government has the right tools in place to support sustainable moose management now and in the future.

The new points system for distributing moose tags will start in the 2021 season. It offers more choices for hunters, and it's important that hunters understand how it works. Visit ontario.ca/moose and stay tuned for all the information you will need to hunt moose in 2021.

There are also a number of other moose hunting changes coming into effect over the course of 2020 and 2021. They are listed in detail on Page 6 of this summary, and also at ontario.ca/moose.

The government will communicate further details about these changes over the coming year. Please check the website for new rules and information on hunting in 2021. I encourage you to review the regulations outlined in this summary before heading out on your hunt.

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I want to say thank you, as always, for your co-operation in following Ontario's hunting regulations. Working together, we can continue to ensure future generations of Ontarians are able to take part in this valuable activity.

Be safe out there, and best of luck!

Sincerely,
Hon. John Yakabuski
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

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How to Use this Regulations Summary

This is a summary of information dealing with hunting licences and hunting laws in Ontario. This summary is neither a legal document nor a complete collection of the current regulations. It is meant to be a convenient reference only. For complete details, see:

A. the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*, and the regulations made under this Act;

B. the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994* (Canada), and the Migratory Birds Regulations;

C. the *Endangered Species Act, 2007*, and the regulations made under this Act;

D. the *Species at Risk Act* (Canada), with regard to federally listed species that are threatened, endangered or extirpated and their critical habitat; and

E. the *Trespass to Property Act*.

F. the *Firearms Act* (Canada)

This summary is divided into a number of sections that provide information about hunting licences, licensing requirements and general hunting regulations. In addition, each game wildlife species or group of game species has a section in this summary. Each species section covers basic regulations on hunting the species, including open seasons and other relevant information.

Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) boundaries are shown in the front portion of this summary. You can obtain more detailed WMU maps at ontario.ca/hunting.

Questions?

Please contact the Natural Resources Information and Support Centre (NRISC) at 1-800-387-7011 or 1-800-667-1940, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (ET) Email: NRISC@ontario.ca

About our Cover

White-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) are an important component of Ontario's ecosystems, and can be found across the province from the northern boreal forest to the southern agricultural belt. They are one of the most sought after big game species by licensed hunters as a heritage activity and food source.

Ontario's White-tailed Deer Management Policy and the recently finalized *White-tailed Deer Population Objective Setting and Harvest Management Guidelines* provide provincial direction for how deer are conserved and managed across the province. For more information, please visit: ontario.ca/page/white-tailed-deer-management-policy-ontario

The ministry also recently finalized *MNRF's Chronic Wasting Disease Prevention and Response Plan*. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal and untreatable disease that affects the central nervous system of members of the deer family. CWD has the potential to severely reduce deer populations and impact hunting traditions. Ontario's plan is designed to minimize the threat posed by CWD and protect cervid species in the province. For more information, please visit: ontario.ca/cwd

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- Online: ontario.ca/outdoorscard
- By phone: 1-800-288-1155
- In person: at a licence issuer

Ontario has moved to a single version Outdoors Card for all anglers and hunters. Your hunting accreditation will be documented within the licensing service.

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Important Telephone Numbers

General Inquiry Telephone Numbers

Natural Resources Information and Support Centre
(lost or stolen cards and general inquiries) ..... 1-800-387-7011 or 1-800-667-1940

Automated Licensing, Draw Application, Draw Results and Hunter Reporting

..... 1-800-288-1155

Licensing, Draw Application and Hunter Reporting Website .... huntandfishontario.com

Other Important Telephone Numbers

Natural Resources Violation Reporting Line 1-877-847-7667
RCMP Canadian Firearms Program 1-800-731-4000
Environment Canada Public Inquiries (waterfowl seasons) 1-800-668-6767
Banded Birds Reporting 1-800-327-2263
Crime Stoppers (report natural resources violations anonymously) 1-800-222-8477
Bear Wise Reporting 1-866-514-2327
Forest Fires (in area codes 705, 249, 807) 310-FIRE (3473)

Important Dates for Hunters

Moose

Licences and Draw Available ..... April 15
Deadline for Draw Entry ..... June 1
Draw Results Available ..... August 1
Surplus Tags Available ..... August 10
Tag Available to Print ..... August 18
Moose Report Deadline ..... December 29

Deer

Licences and Draw Available ..... March 1
Deadline for Antlerless Draw ..... June 30
Additional Deer Tags Available ..... July 8
Controlled Draw Available. ..... August 1
Antlerless Draw Results ..... August 1
Tag Available to Print ..... August 18
Deadline for Controlled Draw..... August 31
Controlled Draw Results ..... October 10
Controlled Validation Available... October 10
(for printing on Licence Summary)
Additional Controlled Deer Tags Available
..... October 15
Deer Report Deadline ..... January 14, 2021

Elk

Draw Entry Available ..... April 15
Deadline for Draw Entry ..... June 10
Draw Results Available ..... August 1
Tag Available to Print ..... August 18
Elk Report Deadline ..... October 18

Small Game

Licences Available ..... January 1

Wild Turkey

Spring Tags Available ..... March 1
Spring Report Deadline ..... June 14
Fall Tags Available ..... September 1
Fall Report Deadline ..... November 14

Wolf/Coyote

Tags Available ..... January 1
Report Deadline ..... January 14, 2021

Black Bear

Licences Available ..... March 1
Second Tags Available
(spring and fall seasons) ..... April 15
Spring Report Deadline
(Non-Resident) ..... June 22
(Resident) ..... June 29
Fall Report Deadline
(Non-Residents) ..... December 7
(Resident) ..... December 14

Important Messages for Hunters

Occasionally, additional information for hunters becomes available after the Hunting Regulations Summary is printed. For more information, please refer to ontario.ca/page/hunting-notices-and-updates

NEW

Moose Hunting Changes

Changes for 2020: Ontario is implementing several changes resulting from the Moose Management Review for the 2020 hunting season. Hunters wishing to hunt calf moose in WMUs 37, 40, 41, 42 and 47 will have to apply for a calf tag in these units. All calf tags issued through the tag draw will be valid in both the gun and bows only seasons.

Ontario has created separate bow and gun tag quotas for WMUs 27, 28, 30-33, 35-37, 39-42. All WMUs with separate bow and gun seasons now have separate bow and gun quotas.

There will be a one-week bow hunting season for adult and calf moose in all WMUs where a moose hunt exists in southern Ontario (WMUs 46-50, 53-63). To learn more about the moose hunting changes visit ontario.ca/moose

Coming next year

Changes for 2021: A New Moose Tag Allocation System: Ontario will be changing to a points-based tag allocation process in place of the existing tag draw. A hunter's point total in 2021 will be their number of unsuccessful applications since they last received an adult tag through the draw or a tag transfer. MNRF is currently working to compile information on hunter draw histories and will make this information available later this year through your online account at huntandfishontario.com. There are a number of other significant changes coming in 2021 including calf tag quotas being implemented in all WMUs with an open moose hunting season. For more information on these changes visit ontario.ca/moose.

PENDING

Double-crested Cormorant Hunting Season

Ontario has proposed to introduce a hunting season for double-crested cormorants. Refer to the Small Game section (p.92) for details.

NEW

Black Bear Season Changes 2020

The black bear season has changed in WMUs 82A, 83 and 84 (in geographic townships where hunting is permitted). Refer to the Black Bear section (p.78) for details.

Attention hunters:

Mandatory Hunter Reporting Requirements

All hunters that purchase or are issued a tag to hunt moose, elk, deer, bear, wild turkey and wolf/coyote must complete a hunter report. You are required to complete a hunter report even if you did not participate in the hunt or harvest an animal. Refer to the Hunter Reporting Requirements section for details on timelines, how to submit your report and potential consequences for not reporting.

Important Messages for Hunters

Address, Name and Residency Changes

You must notify the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry of any address, name, residency or contact information change within 10 days of the change. You can update your address by accessing your account online, or by calling the Natural Resources Information and Support Centre at 1-800-387-7011 or 1-800-667-1940.

Mandatory Hunter Reporting

There are mandatory hunter reporting requirements for deer, moose, elk, black bear, wild turkey and wolf/coyote. Refer to the Hunter Reporting Requirements section (p.22) for details.

Bringing Out-of-Province Carcasses into Ontario

Due to the continuing spread of Chronic Wasting Disease outside Ontario, there is a restriction on the import and possession of high risk carcass parts from all members of the deer family (including deer, elk, moose and caribou) that have come from other jurisdictions. If you intend to hunt outside of Ontario, please refer to the Deer section (p.47) or ontario.ca/cwd for additional information and specific regulations designed to reduce the risk of spreading CWD into Ontario.

Most jurisdictions have regulations in place governing the transport of deer family carcasses through their area. Hunters should be aware of these regulations to avoid inconvenience, potential seizure of game and charges. You should consult the appropriate government department in the jurisdictions where you intend to transport carcasses of any member of the deer family.

Escaped Farmed Deer, Elk and Wild Pigs

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) wants to hear from you if you see an escaped farmed deer, elk or wild pig, or detect one in trail camera photos. These escaped farmed animals pose a threat to native species. Please contact your local MNRF District office to report any encounters.

Ear Tags

If you harvest an animal that has an ear-tag with the phone number 1-866-514-2327, this animal was chemically immobilized in the past using veterinary drugs. Health Canada has established recommended guidelines for consumption. Please call the above number for specific information on whether Health Canada would recommend that the meat of your animal be consumed.

Lyme Disease

Ontario is experiencing an increase in the areas where the ticks that may carry Lyme disease are found. When outdoors, practise personal protection. For detailed information go to: ontario.ca/lyme

If you are hunting big game, be sure to carry:

- Outdoors Card
- Licence Summary (printed or PDF saved to your charged mobile device)
- A tag (paper only) for the species you are hunting, or be party hunting with a person who has a tag
- Proof of firearms accreditation if you are hunting with a gun

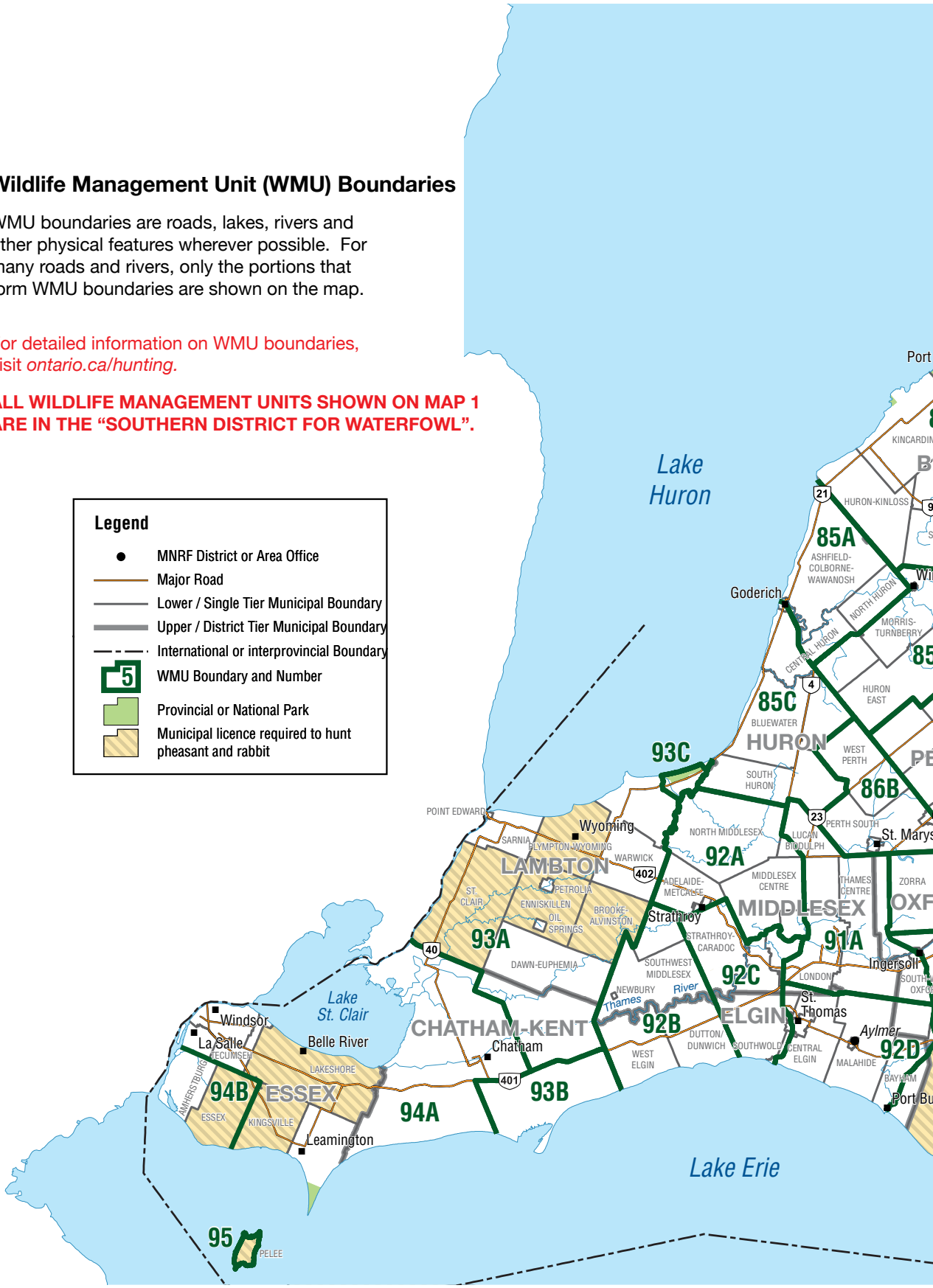
Wildlife Management Unit Map 1 – Southwestern Ontario

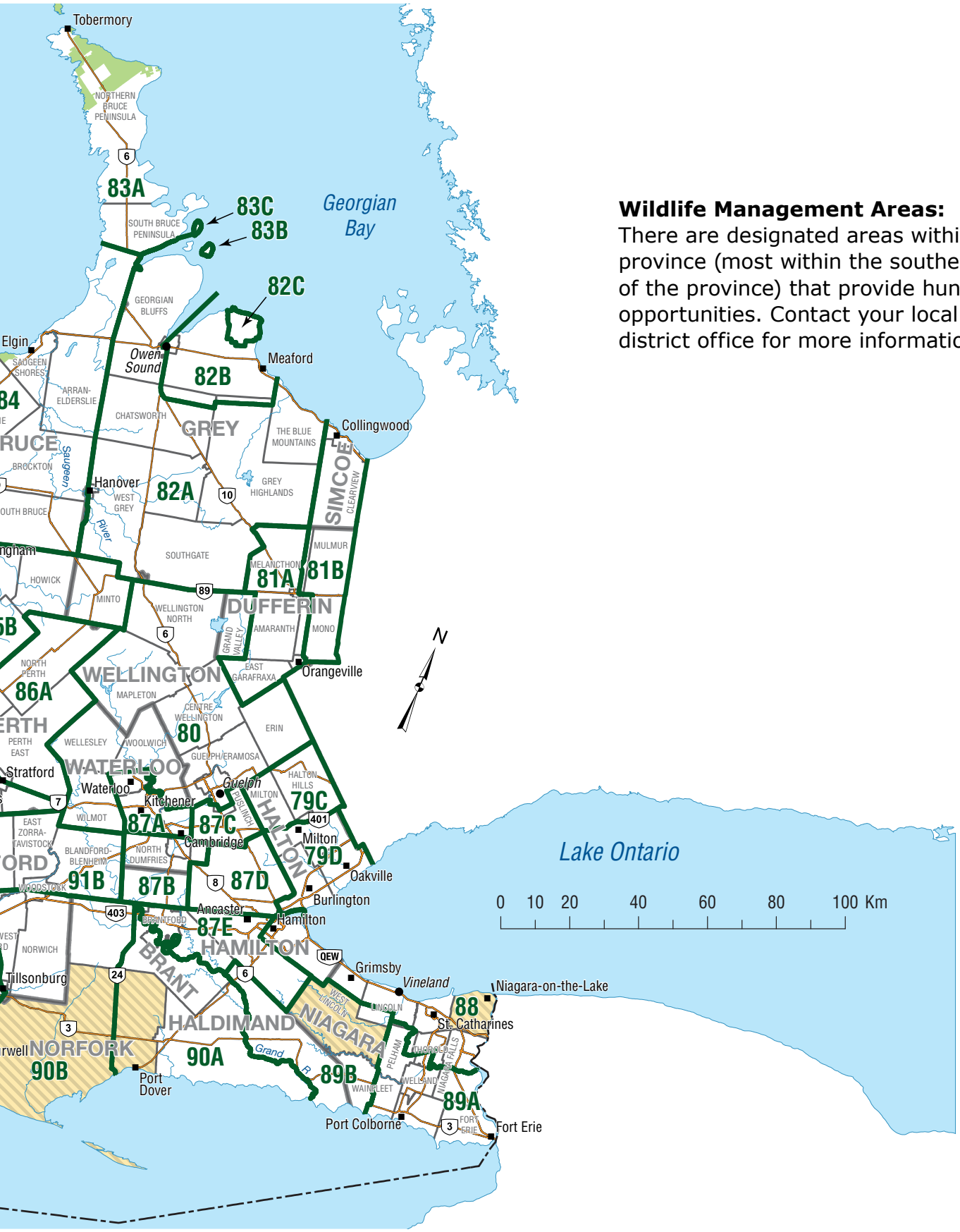
Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) Boundaries

WMU boundaries are roads, lakes, rivers and other physical features wherever possible. For many roads and rivers, only the portions that form WMU boundaries are shown on the map.

For detailed information on WMU boundaries, visit *ontario.ca/hunting.*

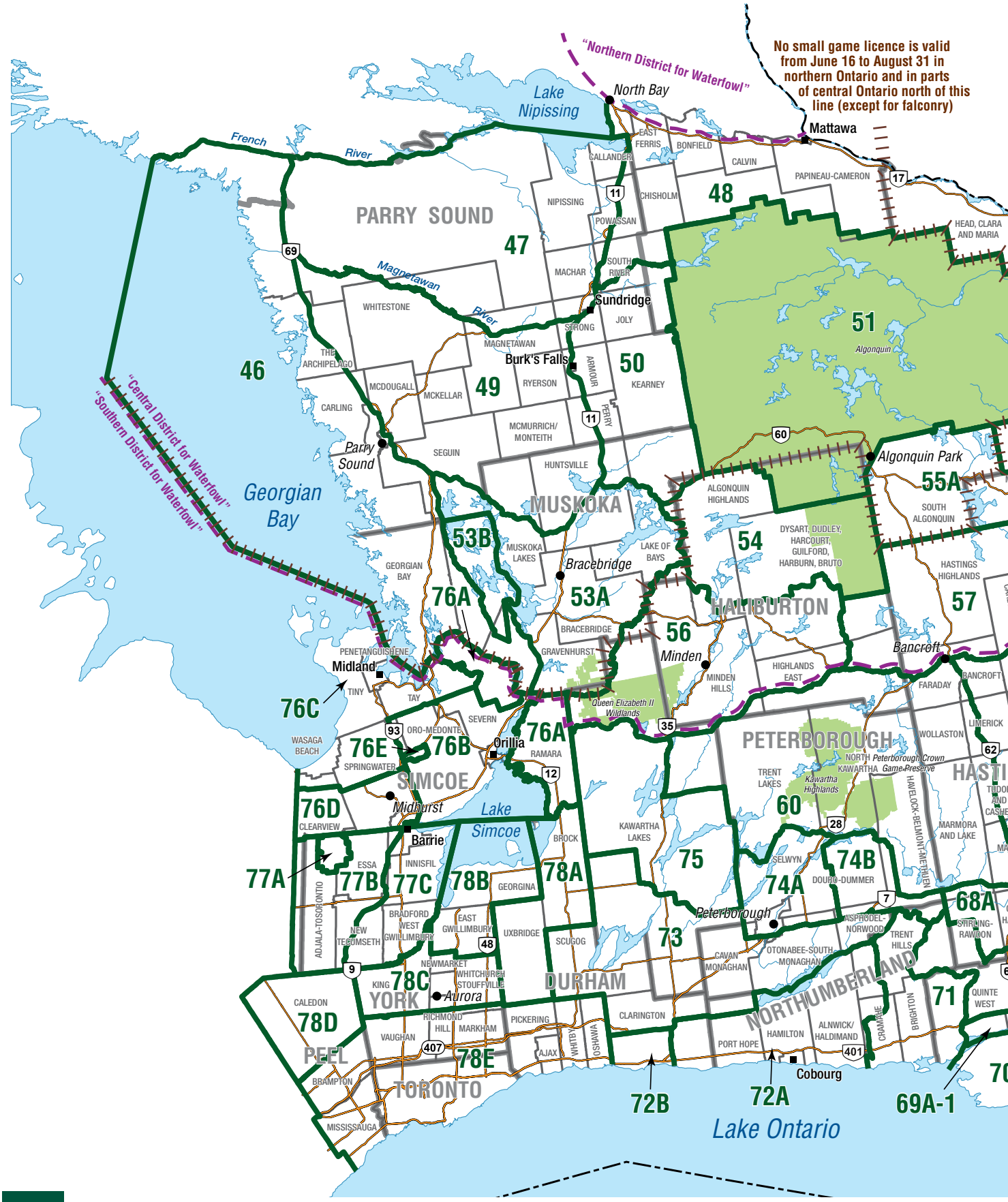
ALL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS SHOWN ON MAP 1 ARE IN THE "SOUTHERN DISTRICT FOR WATERFOWL".





Wildlife Management Areas:
There are designated areas within the province (most within the southern part of the province) that provide hunting opportunities. Contact your local MNRF district office for more information.

Wildlife Management Unit Map 2 – Southeastern Ontario



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Legend

- MNRF District or Area Office
- Major Road
- Lower / Single Tier Municipal Boundary
- Upper / District Tier Municipal Boundary
- International or interprovincial Boundary
- WMU Boundary and Number
- Provincial or National Park

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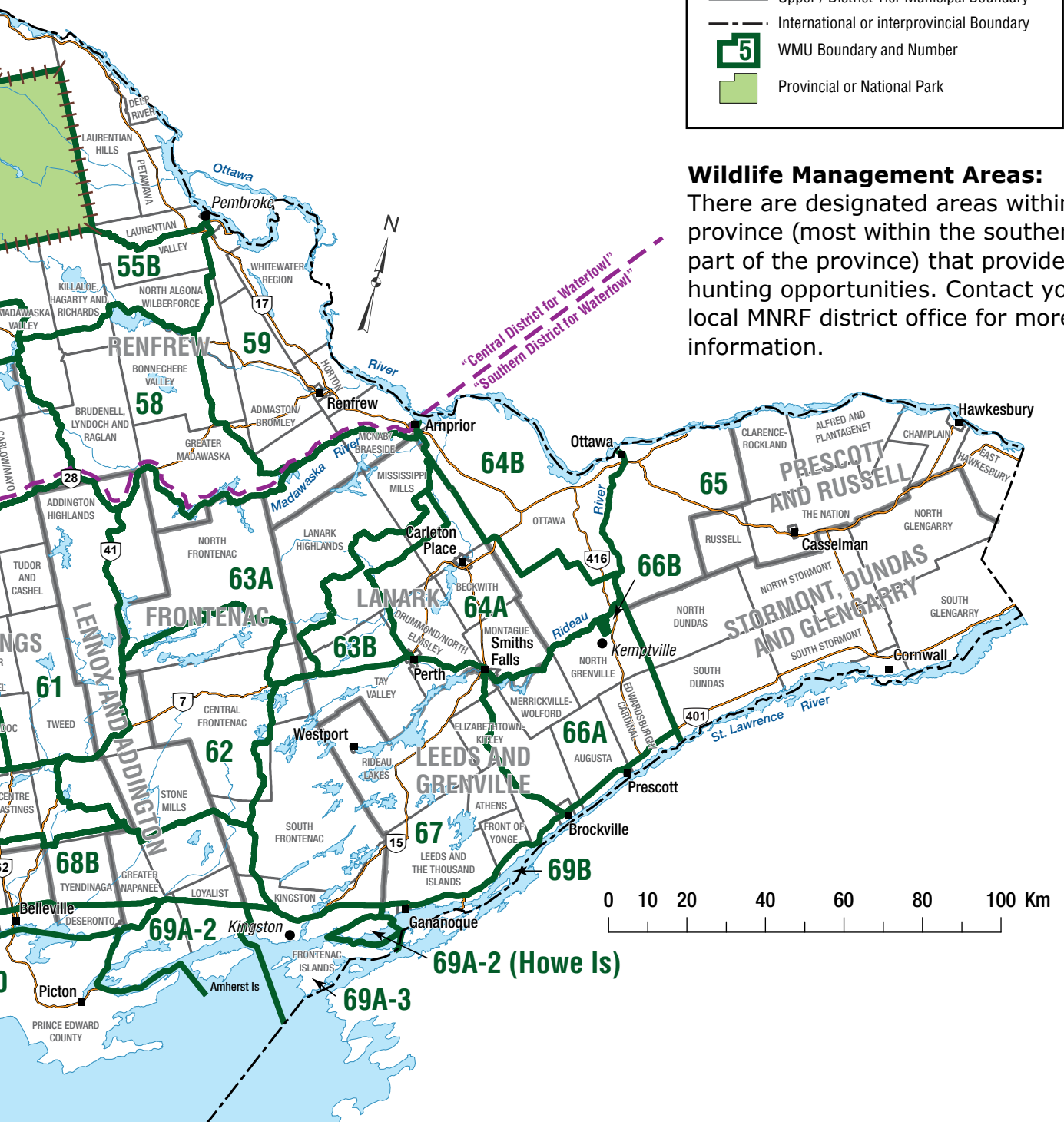

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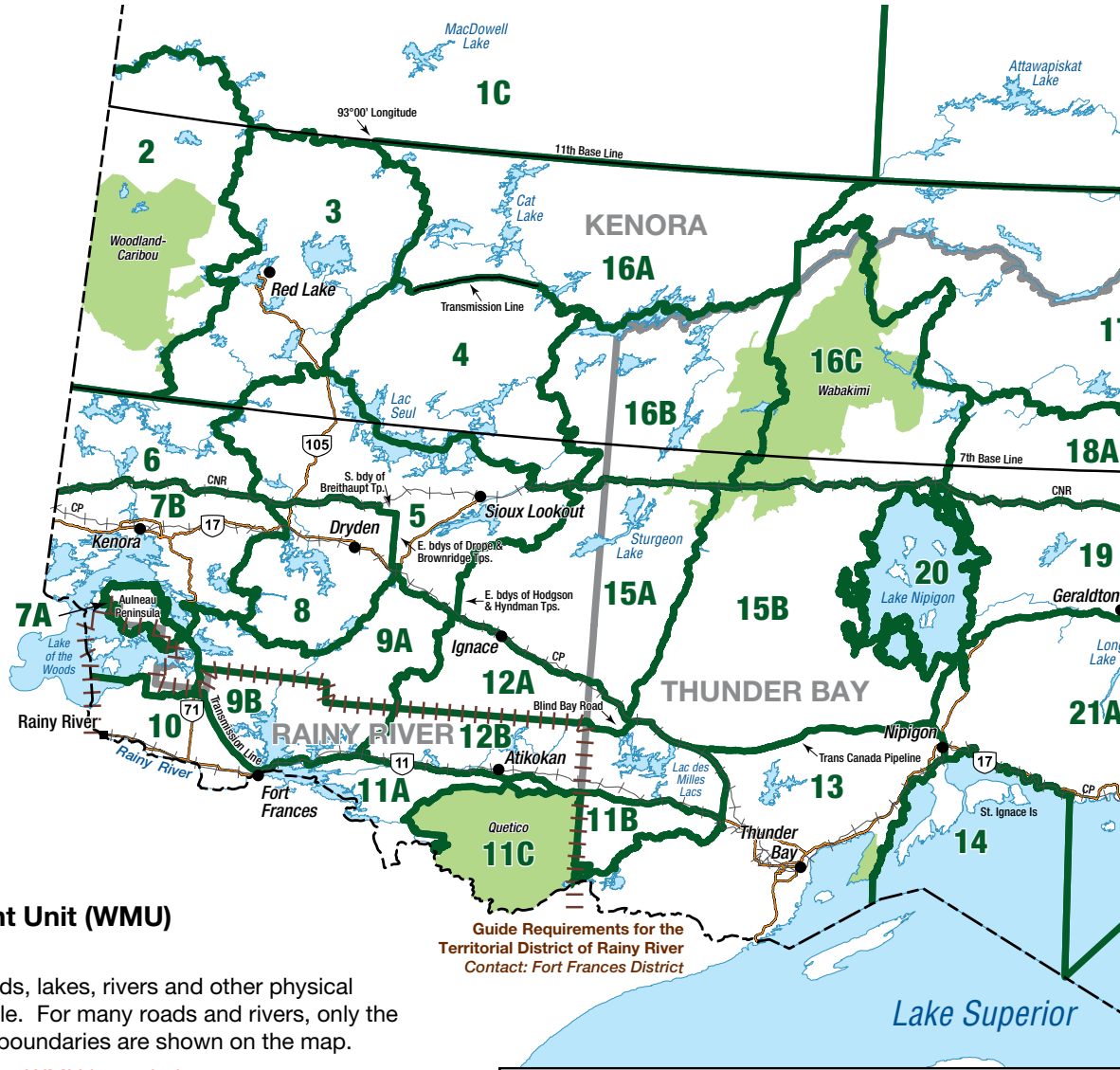

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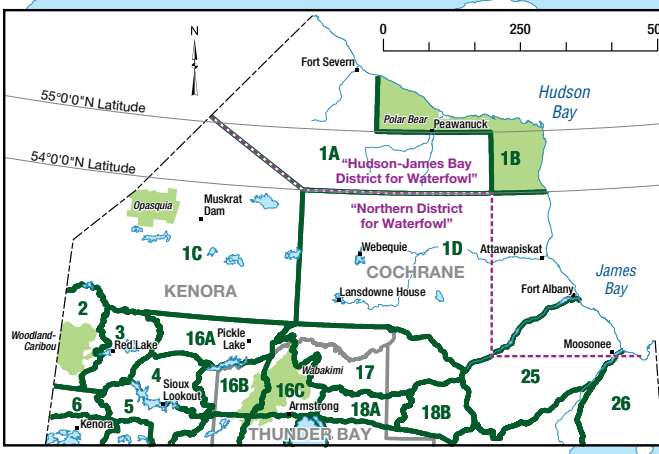

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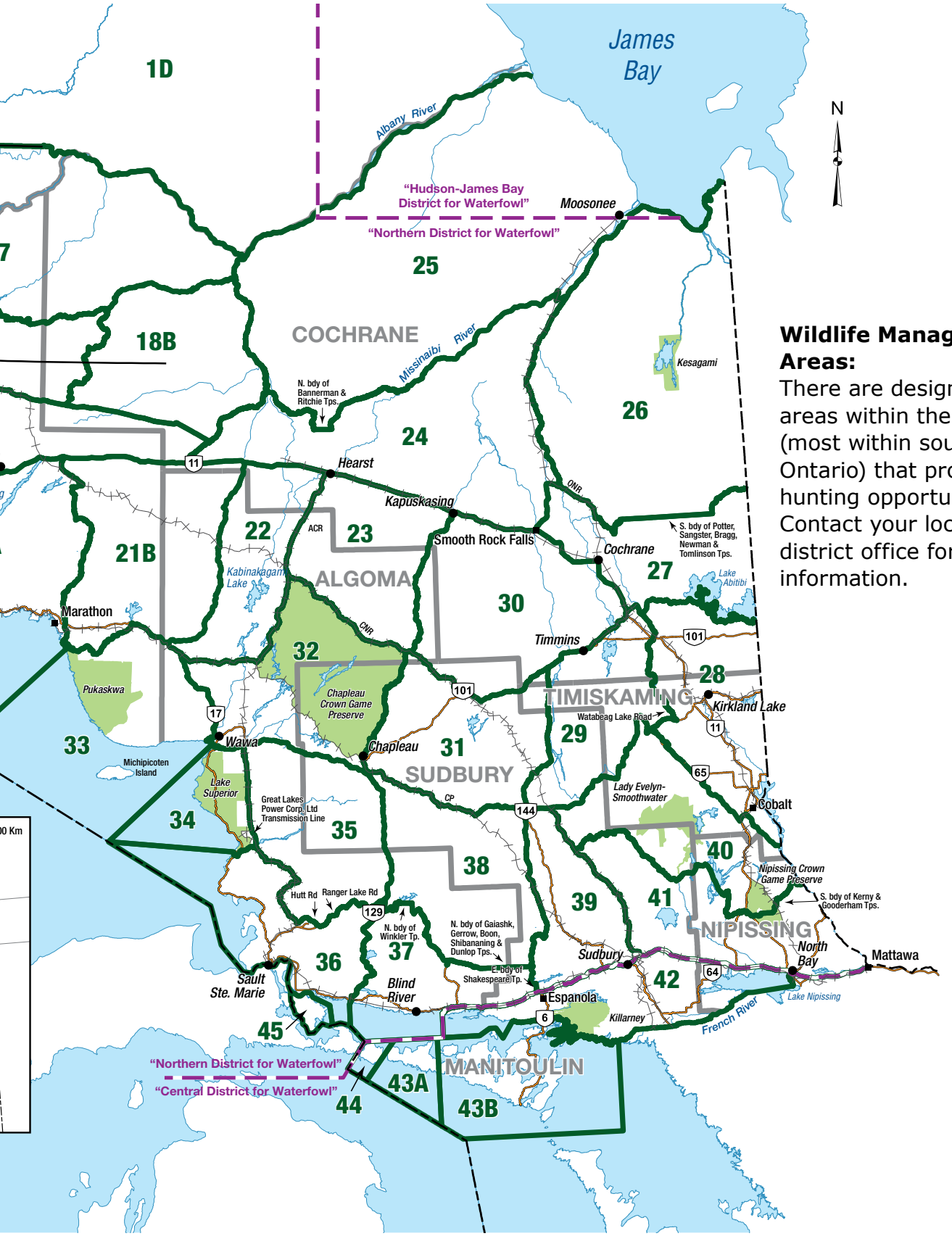

Wildlife Management Areas:
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Hunting Licence Information

Licence Fees

All products with a fee are subject to 13% HST.

Outdoors Card

- Ontario Outdoors Card $8.57
  (a valid Outdoors Card is required for all resident and non-resident hunters who wish to purchase hunting licences)

Moose

- Resident Moose Licence.....$50.29
- Non-resident Moose Licence $459.86

White-tailed Deer

- Resident Deer Licence.....$43.86
- Farmer's Deer Licence.....$25.14
- Resident Additional Deer Tag $43.86
- Non-Resident Deer Licence $230.81
- Non-Resident Additional Deer Tag $230.81

Elk

- Resident Elk Draw Application $15.00
- Resident Elk Licence $48.25

Black Bear

- Resident Bear Licence $43.86
- Resident Second Bear Tag $43.86
- Non-Resident Bear Licence $230.81
- Licence to Provide Bear Hunting Services to Non-Residents $35.00
  Note: Contact your local MNRF District office to purchase.

Small Game

- Resident Small Game Licence $22.76
- Resident Small Game Licence (3-year) $68.28
- Non-Resident Small Game Licence $116.52
- Non-Resident Small Game Licence (3-year)..... $349.56

Wild Turkey

- Resident Turkey Tag (spring) $26.33
- Resident Turkey Tag (fall) $26.33
- Non-Resident Turkey Tag (spring).$29.33
- Non-Resident Turkey Tag (fall) $29.33

Wolf/Coyote

- Resident Wolf/Coyote Tag $10.05
- Non-Resident Wolf/Coyote Tag ... $250.57
  Note: A wolf/coyote tag is required in some Wildlife Management Units.

Falconry

- General Falconry Licence $19.81
- Commercial Falconry Licence $198.13
  Note: Contact your local MNRF district office to apply.

Hunting Dogs

- Resident Hunting Dog Licence $12.21
- Non-Resident Dog Licence $14.71
  Note: Required where dogs are permitted for hunting deer, moose, bear and raccoon.

Guides

- Guide Licence $7.68
  Note: Required for guiding non-resident hunters in the territorial district of Rainy River and for guiding migratory bird hunters on Lake St. Clair. Only Ontario residents or Canadian citizens are eligible for a Guide Licence. Contact your local MNRF district office to purchase.

Other Permits

Migratory Game Birds

To hunt migratory game birds (e.g., waterfowl, common snipe, woodcock and mourning dove) in Ontario, you must have: a federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and a Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp, as well as an Outdoors Card and Small Game Licence. This includes hunting these species with falconry birds or non-indigenous falconry birds. You may buy a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp at any post office or online through the Government of Canada website.

Export Permits

- Non-Resident Export Permit.....$35.00 (required for exporting moose, deer, elk, bear out of Ontario).
- CITES permit.....No Charge Available at MNRF District offices (required for exporting wolf and black bear out of Canada, in some cases). Call for an appointment.

Refer to the General Regulations section (p.34) for more information on exporting requirements.

Possession of Furbearing Mammals or Pelts

- **Notice of Possession** - No charge. Required if you acquire a furbearing mammal and/or pelt for personal use in some circumstances (e.g., roadkill).
- **Licence to Possess a Pelt** - No charge. Required if you acquire a furbearing mammal and/or pelt in some circumstances.

Refer the Small Game and Furbearing Mammal section (p.93) or visit ontario.ca/page/keep-dead-wild-animal for more information.

Important Licence Information

How To Buy Licences or Buy/Renew Outdoors Card

1) **Online:** visit huntandfishontario.com and use the Fish and Wildlife Licensing Service
2) **Phone:** call 1-800-288-1155 (toll-free) and use the automated telephone system
3) **In Person:** visit a participating ServiceOntario or licence issuer

Note: Online and phone services accept VISA, MasterCard, VISA Debit, and Debit MasterCard.

An Outdoors Card will be automatically mailed to you after you have completed your card purchase. You will still be able to hunt while you wait for your Outdoors Card to arrive in the mail by using your Licence Summary, which will list your valid Outdoors Card. If you do not have access to a printer to print your Licence Summary from your account you can visit a participating ServiceOntario or licence issuer to have it printed (a fee may apply).

Outdoors Card Information

An Outdoors Card is a plastic, wallet-sized card issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry which you are required to carry while hunting. A valid Outdoors Card is required for all resident and non-resident hunters who wish to purchase hunting licences.

As of January 1, 2019, Ontario has moved to a single version Outdoors Card for all hunters and anglers. This means that the different versions of Outdoors Cards (e.g., H1, H2, fishing versions) will no longer be issued. Hunter accreditation will be documented in the Fish and Wildlife Licensing Service as part of each individual's profile to determine if the person is eligible to purchase hunting licences.

IMPORTANT: All existing Outdoors Cards (and associated licences) will continue to be valid until the expiry date on the card (with the exception of some Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Cards - refer to the Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program section (p.25) for more information). There is no need to get a new Outdoors Card until your existing card expires.

Outdoors Cards are valid for 3 calendar years, with the expiry date listed on the card. If you purchase a 3-year Small Game Licence or a 3-year Fishing Licence (or both) when you buy/renew your Outdoors Card, these 3-year licences will be printed on the back of your card and will expire with the card.

It is illegal for a hunter to hold more than one Outdoors Card with different numbers. It is also illegal to provide false information on an application to obtain an Outdoors Card or any other licence product.

Hunter Accreditation Requirements

You must have successfully completed Ontario's Hunter Education Program or an Ontario-recognized equivalent requirement (e.g., existing accreditation on record or documentation from a recognized jurisdiction) to be eligible to purchase hunting licences and hunt in Ontario.

Parental or guardian consent is required to obtain an Outdoors Card for any resident under 16 years old. Parental/guardian consent is provided by completing an attestation on the website or by attesting to the parental/guardian consent statement that a participating ServiceOntario or licence issuer representative will read aloud to you and enter into the Fish and Wildlife Licensing Service. Refer to the Ontario Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program section (p.25) for more information on apprentice hunters (12-14 year old residents).

Non-residents who are hunting in Ontario for the first time must be at least 16 years of age, and must provide proof of accreditation from their home jurisdiction, provided that it has hunter education requirements that are equivalent to Ontario's requirements.

Plan ahead: Non-residents must submit an original or certified copy of acceptable hunting accreditation by:

- contacting the Natural Resources Information and Support Centre at 1-800-387-7011 (accreditation processed within 15 business days of receipt, allowing non-residents to buy products online before arriving in Ontario), or
- visiting a participating ServiceOntario or licence issuer (allows non-residents to buy hunting products immediately).

Non-resident accreditation must be translated into either English or French. Both the original and translated copy must be provided. Translations must be provided by MNRF-approved translators, which includes non-Canadian embassies, consulates, high commissioner's offices, or through the Association of Translators and Interpreters of Ontario translation services. Please refer to ontario.ca/outdoorscard for more information.

Residency

An Ontario resident is a person whose primary residence is in Ontario and who has resided in Ontario for a period of at least 6 consecutive months during the immediately preceding 12 months. All other individuals are considered non-residents (some exceptions apply to active military and RCMP personnel who have been stationed in Ontario for a period of at least 1 month with appropriate documentation).

Licence Summary

Your Licence Summary is a document that lists all of your valid hunting and fishing licence products. An updated Licence Summary will be issued to you each time you purchase a new licence product. It may be carried as a paper copy or as a download on a mobile device (or both). Your Licence Summary must remain intact and readable at all times.

LICENCE SUMMARY / SOMMAIRE DES PERMIS

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ON Small Game Licence-3 yr / ON Permis de petit gibier-3 ans	100088	Expires / Échéance 2021-12-31
ON Wild Turkey Tag-Spring / ON Vignette de dindon sauvage-Printemps	100087	2020
ON Bear Licence / ON Permis d'ours	100095	2020
ON Deer Licence / ON Permis de chevreuil	500084	2020

*Refer to your TAG for complete validation details. /
Reportez-vous à votre VIGNETTE pour plus de détails sur la validation.

Mandatory Hunter Reporting / Rapports obligatoires des chasseurs:
ontario.ca/hunterreporting | 1-800-288-1155 | ontario.ca/rapportdechasse

Report Resource Abuse / Signaler un abus des ressources: 1-877-847-7667
ontario.ca/outdoorscard | 1-800-387-7011 | ontario.ca/cartepleinair

Paper Copy: You can print a copy of your Licence Summary as many times as needed for free (from any device that can access your online account and print documents). Alternatively, you can visit a participating ServiceOntario or licence issuer to have your Licence Summary printed free-of-charge for first-time prints. (**Note:** An administration fee will apply for replacements at ServiceOntario and licence issuers).

Digital Copy: You can carry your Licence Summary in a digital format, such as on a mobile device. You can have a copy of your Licence Summary sent to your email address by accessing your account using the Fish and Wildlife Licencing Service. If you choose to carry your Licence Summary on your mobile device, it must be in the PDF format provided to you from the Fish and Wildlife Licensing Service (a photograph or screenshot of your Licence Summary is not valid). You are responsible for ensuring that your device has battery power and is protected from the elements to be able to display it when and where requested by a conservation officer (unless you are also carrying a paper copy with you).

You must carry your Outdoors Card, your hunting licence (either listed on your paper or electronic Licence Summary or printed on the back of your Outdoors Card), and any relevant tag(s) with you while hunting.

Note: If you are hunting wild turkey or wolf/coyote (in a WMU where a tag is required) and your Small Game Licence is printed on the back of your Outdoors Card, you can simply carry your Outdoors Card and your relevant tag.

All hunting licences are valid for the year specified and expire on December 31 in the year in which they were issued unless otherwise noted. Licences are restricted to the relevant open season for hunting.

Lost your Outdoors Card?

Please visit huntandfishontario.com, participating ServiceOntario or licence issuer to obtain a duplicate.

Note: An administration fee will apply.

Firearms Licence Requirement

The *Firearms Act* (Canada) sets out the requirements for firearm possession. Hunters should be aware of these requirements if hunting with a gun in Ontario.

If you are in possession of a gun for the purpose of hunting in Ontario, you are required to carry proof of your firearms accreditation under the *Firearms Act* (Canada) - this includes apprentice hunters (12-14 year old residents) who cannot yet obtain a firearms licence. Every gun hunter must carry one of the following: a valid possession and acquisition licence, a valid minor's licence, or a stamped copy of a Canadian Firearms Safety Course (CFSC) student report as official documentation showing successful completion of the CFSC (for apprentice hunters who have not yet obtained their minor's licence). For non-residents, this could also include a valid non-resident firearms declaration form confirmed by a Canadian customs officer, or a valid temporary firearms borrowing licence for non-residents issued under the *Firearms Act* (Canada).

You are required to produce this documentation to a conservation officer upon request. **Note:** You may submit an application for a Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) up to 6 months before you turn 18 years old. If there are no eligibility concerns identified during the review of your PAL application, your application will be approved and your PAL will be issued on your 18th birthday. Please ensure you plan ahead to avoid any delays.

Transfer of Licences or Tags

It is illegal to transfer an Outdoors Card, licence, tag, or any component of a licence to another person, unless authorized to do so by the MNRF (e.g., an approved moose tag transfer). It is also illegal to use or possess an Outdoors Card, licence, tag, or any component of a licence that was issued to someone else. Only the person who was issued the tag may possess the tag unless it has been invalidated (notched) and affixed to an animal.

Requirements for Indigenous persons

Many Indigenous communities in Ontario hold Aboriginal or treaty rights to hunt. Aboriginal and treaty rights are collectively held and are not generic, but rather, are unique to different communities and their associated traditional or treaty territory.

Members of Indigenous communities exercising established Aboriginal and/ or treaty hunting rights generally do not require an Outdoors Card or hunting licence(s) when hunting for food, social or ceremonial purposes within their traditional or treaty territory. Members of Indigenous communities hunting outside their traditional or treaty territory must hold a valid Outdoors Card, appropriate hunting licence(s) and follow corresponding regulations, or have written permission from a local First Nation to hunt in their traditional territory (R v. Shipman et al., 2007).

Members of Indigenous communities exercising hunting rights should be prepared to provide identification showing their community membership, if requested by a conservation officer.

Non-Indigenous people may accompany Indigenous people who are hunting, but may not help them to exercise their hunting rights. For example, a non-Indigenous person may not assist an Indigenous hunter by shooting their game, carrying a gun, searching for or flushing game. They can assist in the retrieval of game or transporting of lawfully harvested game while accompanying an Indigenous person.

Tag

Tag

The tag authorizes the tag holder to hunt a member of the species of game specified on the tag, subject to conditions specified on the tag. Only one animal may be harvested per tag. Tags must be carried in paper format. Tags cannot be carried or presented to a conservation officer on an electronic device. Tags are equipped with document security features to discourage fraudulent activities. **It is illegal to have multiple copies of a tag or validation certificate, or to alter, modify or counterfeit a tag or validation certificate, or to possess such a product.**

Getting a Tag:

Tags are printed on regular paper and can be obtained:

- online through the Fish and Wildlife Licensing Service and printed using a personal computer, or
- in person by visiting a participating ServiceOntario or a licence issuer.

Hunters will be able to print most tags immediately at the time of purchase with the exception of moose, deer or elk tags that are purchased before the draw deadlines, which will be available for print starting on August 18.

Note: Any controlled deer hunt validation will appear on your Licence Summary on October 10 after the purchase of a Deer Licence. An Elk Licence is required before an elk tag can be printed.

Tags can only be printed once. If a tag did not print or is lost, damaged, stolen and a replacement is necessary, you will be required to visit a participating ServiceOntario or licence issuer for a replacement. Damaged tags must be surrendered before a replacement tag will be issued. All replacements will be tracked in the Fish and Wildlife Licensing Service.

An administration fee of $10.50 is applied for any replacement tags.

It is illegal to apply for, purchase or possess more than one tag, unless specifically permitted (e.g. additional deer tag, second bear tag).

Note: The tag issued with your deer, moose, bear and elk licence will not be listed on your Licence Summary.

Maintaining a Tag:

Tags must remain intact and readable at all times. It is your responsibility to ensure paper tags are protected from the weather or other types of damage. There are products available to help ensure your tag is protected from damage (e.g., commercially available tag holders or resealable plastic bags).

Tagging Requirements:

Specific tagging instructions will be provided with your tag. Make sure you carefully read and follow the tagging instructions that accompany your tag. A summary of the tagging requirements is provided below:

Notching: You must invalidate your tag by notching the day, month and time immediately after the kill, at the site of the kill and before moving the animal.

Identifying Features: For deer, moose and elk you must keep relevant sex and age identifying features while the animal is transported to the site of processing. The instructions provided with your tag will specify what identifying features must remain with the animal while it is being transported. The relevant sex and age identifying features must remain with the animal regardless of whether you have attached the tag, or you are accompanying the animal without the tag attached.

Note: If you are transporting a portion of a carcass that does not have a tag (e.g., the animal was divided or quartered at your hunt camp prior to final transport), you must be prepared to provide information about the tag holder (e.g., name, Outdoors Card number, licence number) and details of the hunt (e.g., date and location of kill) if requested by a conservation officer. Refer to the General Regulations section (p.34) for additional requirements if you are shipping or transporting wildlife in containers.

Attaching Your Tag: You are not required to attach the tag if you are immediately accompanying the animal or immediately available to produce the tag for inspection. For example, the tag holder may carry the notched/invalidated tag in a pocket while bringing the harvested animal out of the bush provided that the tag holder remains with the animal while it is being moved.

However, you MUST attach the tag if you are not immediately accompanying the animal or immediately available to produce the tag for inspection. For example, the tag holder must attach the tag if they leave the harvested animal at any time, including:

- transporting the animal in one vehicle while the tag holder is in another vehicle,
- leaving the animal at camp while the tag holder goes out party hunting,
- leaving the animal at a butcher for processing.

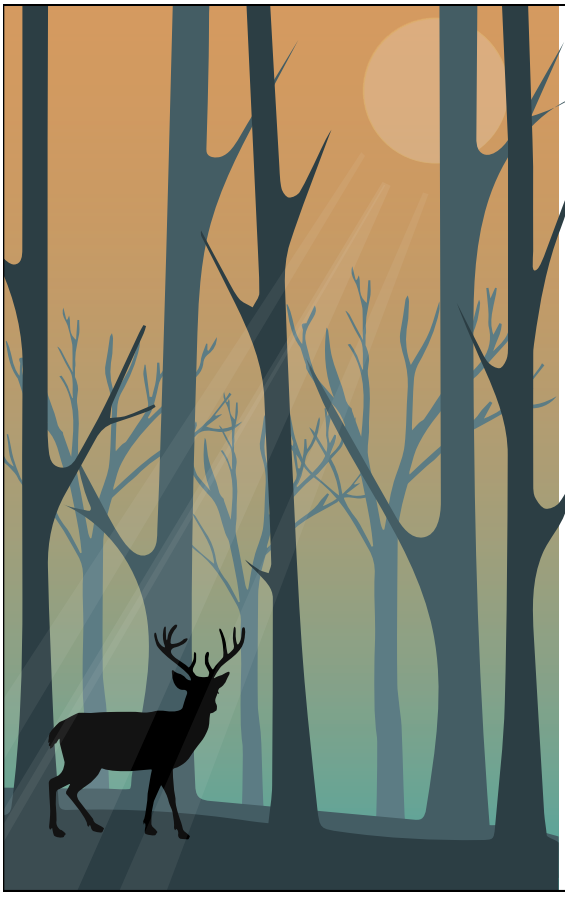
The instructions provided with your tag will specify where you must attach the tag to the animal. Your tag should be accessible and visible for inspection purposes even when the tag is attached to the harvested animal. The tag must remain on your person, or attached to the animal (when required), until the animal is processed and prepared for long-term storage.

IMPORTANT: If you are unsure about whether or not to attach your tag, you should attach it.

Summary of Species Tagging Locations

Species	Tagging Location
White-tailed deer	To either the antler or the ear
Moose – Calf	To lower jaw, which shall be left whole
Moose – Bull	To one of its hind legs with scrotal sac attached to that leg by connective tissue.
Moose – Cow	To one of its hind legs with vulva attached to that leg by connective tissue
Elk	To either antler or the ear
Black Bear	To the tendon of one of the hind legs
Wild Turkey	To the lower part of a leg
Wolf/Coyote	Through the cartilage separating the nostrils

Note: Be sure to reference your tagging instructions that are provided with your tag for more details. Remember to keep your tagging instructions close by while you're hunting for reference.



Are you hunting big game?

Make sure you carry:

- Outdoors Card
- Licence Summary (printed or PDF saved to your charged mobile device)
- A tag for the species you are hunting, or be party hunting with a person who has a tag
- Proof of firearms accreditation if you are hunting with a gun

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Hunter Reporting Requirements

Mandatory Hunter Reporting

Requirements: All hunters that purchase or are issued a tag to hunt moose, elk, deer, bear, wild turkey and wolf/coyote (in WMUs where a tag is required) must complete a hunter report. You are required to complete a hunter report even if you did not participate in the hunt or harvest an animal.

Consequences of Failing to Report: Hunters who fail to report or who provide false or misleading information are subject to penalties, including fines and possible restrictions on the ability to purchase a licence or tag the following year. **Hunters who do not submit their required reports in 2020 may not be able to purchase the relevant licences in 2021.**

Reporting Deadlines for Tag Holders

Generally, hunter reports must be submitted within 14 days following the end of the last hunting season for that species. Moose and black bear hunters who are issued a validation certificate (e.g., from a moose tourist outfitter, bear operator, or from a MNRF district office) must provide their report back to the relevant issuer within 7 days of the close of the season.

All hunters are encouraged to provide their report as soon as possible **once they know their hunt is completed**. However, hunters should not report until they know they are done as they will not be able to amend their report. Timely submission of reports when a hunt is complete helps to ensure accurate data to support harvest planning.

Species Reporting Deadlines:

Species Report	Submission Deadline
Spring Wild Turkey Hunter Report	June 14, 2020
Fall Wild Turkey Hunter Report	November 14, 2020
Spring Resident Black Bear Hunter Report	June 29, 2020
Spring Non-resident Black Bear Hunter Report	June 22, 2020
Fall Resident Black Bear Hunter Report	December 14, 2020
Fall Non-resident Black Bear Hunter Report	December 7, 2020
Elk Tag Holder Report	October 18, 2020
Moose Hunter Report	December 29, 2020
Resident Moose Hunter Report for Tourist Outfitter Validation Certificate	December 22, 2020
Non-Resident Moose Hunter Report for Tourist Outfitter Validation Certificate	November 22, 2020
Deer Hunter Report	January 14, 2021
Wolf/Coyote Tag Holder Report	January 14, 2021

Hunter Reporting Requirements

How to Report:

For most hunters (including apprentice hunters who have chosen to purchase their own licence/tag), reports must be completed at ontario.ca/hunterreporting by logging into your account or by calling 1-800-288-1155. The Fish and Wildlife Licensing Service can help you remember important dates by sending you email reminders.

Important Reporting Notes:

Turkey hunters are reminded that with the changes to mandatory hunter reporting they must report at the end of their hunt and not each time they harvest.

Resident black bear hunters who are issued a bear tag on or before June 15 must submit a spring and a fall report. Hunters issued a tag after June 15 must submit a fall report only.

Non-resident black bear hunters must return their completed report to the issuer of their validation certificate (e.g., bear operator or MNRF district office).

Moose hunters who receive a validation certificate from a tourist outfitter **must return their completed report to the issuer.** The outfitter is responsible for returning all reports completed by their hunters to MNRF.

Ontario resident moose hunters who acquire a validation certificate from a tourist outfitter must complete both a regular moose hunter report and provide a report to the tourist outfitter with information unique to each type of hunt reported separately.

Non-resident moose hunters who receive a tag as a landowner or to hunt with an immediate relative must submit their report online at ontario.ca/hunterreporting by logging into your account or by calling 1-800-288-1155.

Information you will be asked to provide:

Hunters will be asked to provide the following information and are encouraged to keep records if they will not be providing the information until the end of the season.

- **Participation** – Did you hunt?
- **Harvest** – Did you harvest an animal? If so, where, when and what type of animal was it (e.g. male or female)?
- **Effort** – What WMU(s) did you hunt in and how many days did you hunt in each?
- **Observations** – What observations did you have during the hunt?

How Mandatory Hunter Reporting Information is Used:

Information provided by hunters through mandatory hunter reporting is important for managing wildlife in Ontario. It specifically helps:

- monitor wildlife populations
- set tag quotas and determine the availability of additional tags
- make changes to seasons and bag limits
- inform management policies.

For more information on mandatory hunter reporting and to see past results, please visit ontario.ca/hunterreporting.

Ontario Hunter Education Program

The Ontario Hunter Education Program (OHEP) instills responsible hunting practices to help prevent incidents and ensure public safety. The program is delivered by approximately 300 certified instructors across the province. To find an instructor in your area, course dates, times and fees, visit ohep.net. Contact an instructor or visit ohep.net for additional information on how to purchase Ontario's Hunter Education Manual.

The Ontario Hunter Education Course and the Canadian Firearms Safety Course (CFSC) are normally delivered in a "One-Stop" combined course; however, both courses are available independently if desired. "One-Stop" graduates will meet provincial requirements to hunt and the federal requirements to apply for firearm possession, acquisition and ownership.

Hunters must carry proof of firearms accreditation if hunting with a gun in Ontario, which would include a valid possession and acquisition licence, a valid minor's licence, or official documentation showing the successful completion of the CFSC. Refer to the Hunting Licence Information section (p.18) for more information. For non-residents, this could also include a valid non-resident firearms declaration form confirmed by a Canadian customs officer, or a valid temporary firearms borrowing licence for non-residents issued under the Firearms Act (Canada). You are required to produce this documentation to a conservation officer upon request.

Note: Individuals under the age of 16 must provide their instructor with a consent form signed by a parent or guardian to take the Ontario Hunter Education Course. Consent forms can be obtained at ontario.ca/hunting (under Hunter Education).

Plan Ahead: Make sure you plan ahead to ensure you obtain training and accreditation well in advance of the hunting season. In Ontario, students who have successfully completed a CFSC and test will receive a stamped copy of their CFSC student report form approximately 4-6 weeks from the date the paperwork is received. The stamped copy of your CFSC student report form will be the official documentation showing the successful completion of the CFSC for apprentice hunters (12-14 year old residents) who have not yet obtained their minor's licence.

Attention hunters:

Mandatory Hunter Reporting Requirements

All hunters that purchase or are issued a tag to hunt moose, elk, deer, bear, wild turkey and wolf/coyote must complete a hunter report. You are required to complete a hunter report even if you did not participate in the hunt or harvest an animal. Refer to the Hunter Reporting Requirements section for details on timelines, how to submit your report and potential consequences for not reporting.

Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program

Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program – Residents Only

Ontario's Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program (HASP) allows individuals to safely develop their hunting skills while under the direct and immediate supervision of a qualified mentor. The program provides practical training for future hunters.

Apprentice hunters must be residents who are 12-14 years old and have an Outdoors Card (or an existing valid Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card) with hunting accreditation. Hunters who are 15 years of age and older must purchase an Outdoors Card and their own licences/tags in order to hunt. 15 year olds can no longer use an existing Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card to hunt.

Apprentices who hold an Outdoors Card may purchase select hunting licences and tags that are not obtained through a draw, which will allow them to hunt with their own bag limit. Apprentice hunters who do not purchase their own licences or tags must share the bag limits of their mentor.

Apprentices can buy an Outdoors Card by visiting a participating ServiceOntario in-person. They will need to submit an original or certified copy of an Ontario Hunter Education Exam Report and attest to the parental/guardian consent statement.

Other Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program Requirements

- Only residents who are 12-14 years old are eligible. If you are 15 years of age or older, you may still hunt with a mentor to develop your hunting skills, but you are required to have your own licences/tags if you are hunting.
- Apprentices must carry their Outdoors Card (or an existing valid Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card).
- Apprentices must be under the direct and immediate supervision of a mentor who is 18 years of age or older, and who holds a valid Outdoors Card and hunting licence (and tag if applicable) for the species being hunted.
- Apprentices must share a single firearm with their mentor.
- Apprentices must possess a federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit to hunt migratory game birds.
- Game wildlife must be added to the daily bag limit of the mentor, unless the apprentice has obtained his/her own licences or tags for the relevant species.
- All hunters (including apprentices) are required to carry their firearms licence or proof of completing the Canadian Firearms Safety Course (CFSC) if in possession of a gun for the purpose of hunting.

Helpful Information Links

Canadian Firearms Program: rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/index-eng.htm

Firearms Safety Education Service of Ontario: fseso.org

Ontario Hunter Education Program: ohep.net

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997

The *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997* (FWCA), is the main provincial law regulating hunting and trapping. It is enforced by conservation officers which includes police officers.

The penalties for offences under the FWCA can include:

- General offences: $25,000, 1 year imprisonment, or both
- Commercialization related offences: $100,000, 2 years imprisonment, or both
- Tickets with set fines
- Court ordered hunting licence cancellations and suspensions and court orders prohibiting licence-related activities
- Administrative penalties for failing to fulfill mandatory hunter reporting requirements

Hunting includes lying in wait for, searching for, being on the trail of, pursuing, chasing or shooting at wildlife, whether or not the wildlife is killed, injured, captured or harassed. You need a valid hunting licence to do any of these things, except where the FWCA states otherwise.

For a complete list of all "Game Wildlife and Specially Protected Wildlife", please refer to the FWCA at ontario.ca/laws/statute/97f41.

Firearms

Firearms include rifles, shotguns, muzzle-loading guns, air or pellet guns and bows (including longbows, crossbows, compound bows and recurve bows). You may use semi-automatic or repeating firearms for hunting in Ontario, but not restricted or prohibited firearms (e.g., fully automatic firearms). Air and pellet guns are not permitted for hunting big game, but may be used for hunting small game.

Hunting carelessly is an offence. Hunters who handle or discharge firearms without due care and attention or consideration for persons and property are liable to a fine of up to $25,000 or imprisonment for up to two years - or both. Depending on the circumstances, a person may also be subject to charges under the *Criminal Code of Canada*.

Any injury caused by the discharge of a firearm while in possession of a firearm for the purposes of hunting or trapping, which requires treatment by a physician MUST BE reported to a conservation officer.

Before hunting, check local sunrise-sunset times. You may only hunt from half an hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunset (exceptions: night raccoon hunting and spring hunting hours for wild turkey). If you are in an area usually inhabited by wildlife during the period from half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise you must unload and encase any firearms in your possession.

To be considered encased, firearms must be enclosed on all six sides.

A firearm is considered to be loaded if it has an unfired shell or cartridge in the chamber or in a magazine that is attached to the firearm.

A muzzle-loading gun is a gun that is loaded through the muzzle. A percussion muzzle-loading gun is considered to be loaded if there is a charge of powder and a projectile in the barrel and a percussion cap on the nipple. A flint-lock muzzle-loading gun is considered to be loaded if there is a charge of powder and a projectile in the barrel and the vent is unplugged. An electronic ignition muzzle-loading gun is considered to be loaded if there is a projectile in the barrel and a battery connected to the primer or charge. Under federal regulations pertaining to storage and transport of firearms, a muzzle-loading gun is not unloaded unless any propellant, projectile or cartridge has been removed from the breech or firing chamber. There is

an exemption on transport restrictions when traveling between hunting sites.

A crossbow is considered to be loaded if the bow is cocked and there is a bolt in the crossbow. A bow other than a crossbow is considered to be loaded if the bow is strung and an arrow is nocked.

The draw length of a bow (compound, recurve, long) is the measured distance from the outer edge of the main riser (handle), following the line of an arrow to the string at the anchor point. The draw length of a crossbow is measured along the bolt ramp (where the bolt rests) from the outer edge of the main limb, to the anchor point (release latch mechanism) at full draw.

Arrows must be at least 60cm (23.6 inches) in length. The length of an arrow is measured from the base of the arrowhead to the bottom of the nock slot.

A broadhead used for hunting big game or wild turkey must be at least 22mm (0.87 inches) wide and have at least two sharp cutting edges.

A shotgun must be plugged so that it cannot hold more than a total of three shells in the chamber and magazine combined.

On the Aulneau Peninsula (WMU 7A), from August 15 to December 15, you may not use a centre-fire rifle or a shotgun loaded with ball or with shot larger than number 2 lead shot, triple BBB steel shot or double BB bismuth shot.

Under the *Criminal Code of Canada* you generally cannot possess any clip/magazine that holds more than five shots for a semi-automatic centrefire firearm.

Contact the Canadian Firearms Program at 1-800-731-4000 (or rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf) for information about the requirements for firearm ownership, licensing, storage and transportation.

Roads: Possession and Discharge of Firearms

The following restrictions apply:

- No possession of a loaded firearm within eight metres of the travelled portion of a right of way (or its fenceline where one exists) at any time AND no discharge of a firearm from or across any part of a right of way for public vehicular traffic at any time in these geographic areas:
  Brant, Bruce, Chatham-Kent, Dufferin, Durham, Elgin, Essex (except the single-tier municipality of Pelee), Frontenac (except the lower-tier municipalities of Central and North Frontenac), Grey, Haldimand, Halton, Hamilton, Hastings (except the lower-tier municipalities of Bancroft, Carlow/Mayo, Deseronto, Faraday, Hastings Highlands, Limerick, Madoc, Marmora and Lake, Tudor and Cashel and Wollaston), Huron, Kawartha Lakes, Lambton, Lanark, Leeds and Grenville, Lennox and Addington (except the lower-tier municipality of Addington Highlands), Middlesex, Niagara, Norfolk, Northumberland, Ottawa, Oxford, Peel, Perth, Peterborough (except the lower-tier municipalities of Galway-Cavendish-Harvey and North Kawartha), Prescott and Russell, Prince Edward, Simcoe, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Toronto, Waterloo, Wellington, York.
- No possession of a loaded firearm within eight metres of the travelled portion of a right of way (or its fenceline where one exists) during an open gun season for deer or elk AND no discharge of a firearm from or across any part of a right of way for public vehicular traffic at any time in these geographic areas:
  Lower-tier municipalities of Central and North Frontenac in the geographic area of Frontenac, Haliburton, Hastings (except the single-tier municipalities of Belleville and Quinte West; and the lower-

tier municipalities of Centre Hastings, Stirling-Rawdon, Tweed and Tyendinaga), the lower-tier municipality of Addington Highlands in the geographic area of Lennox and Addington, Muskoka, the lower-tier municipalities of Galway-Cavendish-Harvey and North Kawartha in the geographic municipality of Peterborough, Renfrew, the single-tier municipalities of Alberton, Chapple, Dawson, Emo, Fort Frances, La Vallee, Morley, Rainy River and the geographic townships of Morson, McCrosson, Tovell, Dance (excluding Lyons Bay Road and Lost Creek Road), Kingsford (excluding Fleming Road), Miscampbell (excluding Boffin Road), Pratt, Nelles, Spohn and Sutherland all within the Territorial District of Rainy River, and the single-tier municipality of Kenora, geographic townships of Boys, Ewart, Forgie, Gidley, Glass, Gundy, Kirkup, Pellatt and the unorganized area south and east of the geographic township of Boys township, south of the geographic township of Pellatt and west of the single-tier municipality of Kenora to the shore of Lake of the Woods all within the Territorial District of Kenora.
- No discharge of firearms from or across the travelled portion of a right of way in any part of the province.

Municipal By-laws

Some municipalities have by-laws restricting the discharge of firearms. Check with the local municipal office for details.

Sunday Gun Hunting

Sunday gun hunting is permitted in areas north of the French and Mattawa rivers. You can find out which municipalities permit Sunday gun hunting south of the French and Mattawa rivers by visiting ontario.ca/page/sunday-gun-hunting.

Hunter Orange

All licensed hunters, including bow hunters, falconers, bear hunters, and trappers who are hunting under their trapping licence during a gun season for deer, elk or moose, are required to wear hunter orange. This requirement does not apply to persons who are hunting migratory game birds, except woodcock.

In addition, all licensed bear hunters hunting during the open season for black bear, that is not a gun season for deer, elk or moose, are required to wear hunter orange except when in a tree stand.

A hunter orange garment and head cover must be worn. The hunter orange garment must cover a minimum of 2,580 square centimetres (400 square inches) above the waist and be visible from all sides. Open mesh or camouflage hunter orange must not be part of the 2,580 square centimetres (400 square inches). A hunting coat or vest generally meets this requirement. The hunter orange head cover may have: open mesh, a peak or brim colour other than hunter orange, and a crest or logo which does not completely cover the hunter orange on the side where it is affixed. The head cover must not contain camouflage material.

Hunters using ground blinds should take steps to make their blind clearly visible to other hunters who may be in the area. Use of hunter orange material on the outside of the blind is an appropriate method to mark a ground blind.

Summary of Firearms Restrictions for Hunting in Ontario

Be sure to check relevant species sections to identify different season types and dates restricting certain types of firearms (e.g. Bows Only seasons, Muzzle-loading Guns and Bows Only, etc.)

Firearm	Moose, Elk and Bear	Deer	Wild Turkey
Rifle	Yes – Centre-fire rifle only	Yes – Centre-fire rifle only	No
Shotgun	Yes – Shotgun not smaller than 20 gauge when using shot; shot size must be SG or number one buck or larger.	Yes – Shotgun not smaller than 20 gauge when using shot; shot size must be SG or number one buck or larger.	Yes – Shotgun not larger than 10 gauge or smaller than 20 gauge, using shot size of 4, 5, 6 or 7.
Muzzle-loader	Yes	Yes	Yes, shotgun only
Bow	Yes – Bow must have a draw weight of at least 22 kilograms (48.5 lb.) at a draw length of 700mm (27.6 in.) or less. Arrows must be at least 600 mm (23.6 in.) long and have at a minimum a 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide head with at least two sharp cutting edges.	Yes - Bow must have a draw weight of at least 18 kilograms (39.7 lb.) at a draw length of 700mm (27.6 in.) or less. Arrows must be at least 600mm (23.6in.) long and have at a minimum a 22mm (0.87 in.) wide head with at least two sharp cutting edges.	Yes – Bow must have a draw weight of at least 18 kilograms (39.7 lb.) at a draw length of 700mm (27.6 in.) or less. Arrows must be at least 600mm (23.6in.) long and have at a minimum a 22mm (0.87 in.) wide head with at least two sharp cutting edges.
Crossbow	Yes – Crossbow must have a draw length of at least 300mm (11.8 in.) and a draw weight of at least 54 kilograms (119 lb.). Bolts at a minimum must have a 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide head with at least two sharp cutting edges.	Yes – Crossbow must have a draw length of at least 300 mm (11.8 in.) and a draw weight of at least 45 kilograms (99.2 lb.). Bolts at a minimum must have 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide head with at least two sharp cutting edges.	Yes – Crossbow must have a draw length of at least 300 mm (11.8 in.) and a draw weight of at least 45 kilograms (99.2 lb.). Bolts at a minimum must have 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide head with at least two sharp cutting edges.

Party Hunting

A person may hunt moose, deer, or black bear in a party of two or more people who each hold a licence to hunt that species, even if the person has already invalidated their tag for that species. In these cases, at least one member of the party must hold a tag that has not yet been invalidated, and the group must comply with the following conditions:

- Each person must have a valid licence to hunt the big game species being hunted.
- The total number of moose, elk, deer or bear of a specified sex, age or type killed by the party does not exceed the total number of tags for that sex, age or type held by the members of the party.
- All members of the party must hunt together in the same Wildlife Management Unit or portion thereof, for which the tag is valid.
- **Each member of the party must hunt within 5 kilometres of the person who holds the tag** that is valid for the wildlife being hunted.
- Each member of the party must be able to reliably and immediately communicate with other members of the party.
- All members of the party, including the person who holds the tag that is valid for the species that the party is hunting, must actively participate in the hunt and hunt co-operatively.

Party hunting is also permitted for elk in accordance with the conditions noted above, however some additional rules apply - refer to the Elk section (p.75) for these additional rules.

The person who kills the animal while hunting in a party shall immediately notify all other members of the party that the animal has been killed. If the tag holder is not the person who kills the animal, the tag holder must immediately go to the kill site, confirm the type/sex/age of the animal and then invalidate their tag. Refer to the Tag (p.19) section for more information.

If you have questions about party hunting, the best time to get answers is before the hunt begins. Contact your local MNRF District office or NRISC at 1-800-387-7011, 1-800-667-1940, or NRISC@ontario.ca.

Note: The term 'invalidated tag' refers to a tag that has been notched by the tag holder immediately after the kill, at the site of the kill and before moving the animal. Refer to the Tag section (p.20) for information.

Use of Vehicles, Boats, Drones or Aircraft

Aircraft, including drones and balloons, may not be used while hunting. Vehicles (includes any kind of vehicle that is driven, propelled or drawn on land or ice by any kind of power, including muscular power, and includes snowmobiles, boats and the rolling stock of a railway) may not be used for chasing, pursuing, harassing, capturing, injuring or killing any wildlife.

It is illegal to have a loaded firearm in or on, or discharge a firearm from, an aircraft, vehicle (including snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle) or motorboat (a motorboat is considered a boat with a motor that is attached to the boat and that is capable of being used as a means of propulsion)or anything towed by the boat. A loaded firearm may be carried in, and discharged from, a canoe or boat that is being paddled, with no motor attached.

There is an exception to the prohibition on loaded firearms in a motorboat if you are hunting waterfowl in accordance with the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*.

Note: There is an exception to having a loaded firearm in a vehicle if a person has a mobility disability and meets one of the following criteria:

1. A paraplegic or hemiplegic.
2. A single (above the knee) lower limb amputation or a double (below the waist) amputation.
3. Suffers severe disability and cannot hunt without the use of a wheelchair or similar means of locomotion. In this case, the hunter must provide a medical certificate stating disability.

Please plan ahead to allow for the processing of requests. To apply for an authorization, please contact NRISC at 1-800-387-7011 or 1-800-667-1940, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dogs

All dogs used to hunt deer, moose or black bear must be licensed. There are some areas where dogs are not permitted to be used for hunting deer or moose (refer to season tables of the Deer and Moose section for additional details). Dogs may not be used to hunt elk.

Dogs are not permitted to run at large in areas usually inhabited by big game during the closed season. It is your responsibility to ensure your dog does not enter private property that you do not have permission to hunt on or where hunting is prohibited in contravention of the *Trespass to Property Act*. Hunters are responsible for ensuring their dogs are under their control and that hunting activities are conducted lawfully.

During lawful hunting hours, you are permitted to use a leashed dog (dog does not require a licence) to track and retrieve wounded big game during the open season provided the dog is kept on a leash that has a maximum length of 10 metres and the dog is under the physical control of the dog handler at all times. The licensed hunter who wounded the animal must be with the dog and handler, and if party hunting, the holder of the tag must also be present. The person handling the tracking dog must not be carrying a firearm unless properly licensed to hunt the animal being tracked.

To hunt raccoon at night, you must be accompanied by a licensed dog and you must have a resident or non-resident small game licence. All dogs being used to hunt raccoon at night must be licensed. Be sure to review firearm restrictions and light restrictions.

To conduct dog training and field trials on game species during the closed season an authorization or licence issued by MNRF is required. An appropriate hunting licence is required during the open hunting season.

Many municipalities have by-laws regarding dogs, including by-laws that may affect the use of dogs while hunting. Check with the local municipal office for details.

If you are bringing a dog into Canada from the United States, you must have a certificate, signed by a veterinarian licensed in Canada or in the United States, stating that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies during the preceding 36 months. For more information, check with the Canada Border Services Agency.

Snares

Snares cannot be used under a small game licence, except by the holder of a resident small game licence taking snowshoe hare north of the French and Mattawa rivers with a snare constructed of copper or brass wire between 22 and 24 gauge. The opening of the snare wire loop must be 10 cm (4 in.) or less in diameter.

Poison and Adhesives

It is illegal to use poison and adhesives to kill, injure or capture wildlife, including in protection of property.

Big Game – Swimming

You may not hunt moose, elk, deer or black bear while they are swimming.

Trespassing

It is unlawful to enter private property once notice has been given that entry is prohibited, or that certain activities like hunting are prohibited. Notice of no trespassing may be given in a variety of ways, including verbally, signs, symbols (for example a red circle 4 inches in diameter), coloured markings or fences. Lands under cultivation are also considered to be notice against entry.

ALWAYS ask for permission and obey posted signs.

Not all land is signed. Unsigned lands may be private land as well. It is your responsibility to find out who owns the land you wish to hunt on and to determine if entry is prohibited or certain activities like hunting are prohibited. If unsure, stay out. If a wounded animal runs onto private property where notice has been given that entry is prohibited or certain activities like hunting have been prohibited, you must seek permission to retrieve the animal. Positive landowner or occupier/hunter relationships are important to the future of hunting in Ontario.

You may not enter private land in a party of more than 12 persons without the express permission of the occupier if any member of the party possesses a firearm or other hunting device.

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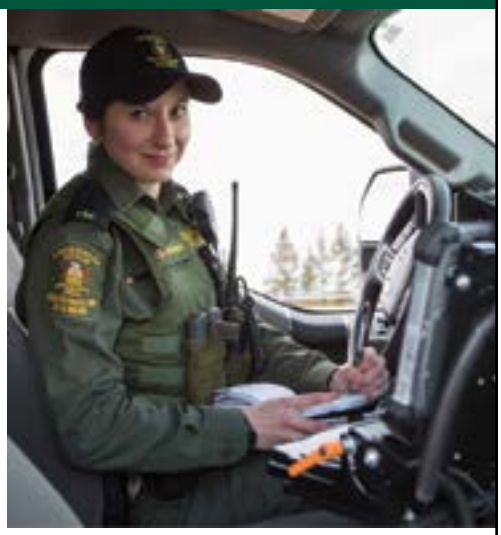
You can help solve a natural resource case!

Every year, a number of natural resource violations go unsolved. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is asking for your assistance using a new interactive online map.

ontario.ca/page/solve-natural-resource-case

If you have information about any of these cases or if you see or suspect an act of resource abuse, please call the Natural Resources TIPS Reporting line at 1-877-847-7667.



Report natural resources violations to 1-877-847-7667

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Before hunting on Indian Reserves, ask the permission of the Band Council.

You must have written permission from the landowner on the form provided by the MNRF to hunt elk on private land, to hunt moose in WMU 65 on private land, and to hunt deer in WMU 43A, 43B and 44 on private land.

Wildlife Management Areas

There are some designated areas within the province which provide special opportunities for hunting (e.g. Special Hunting Areas, Provincial Wildlife Areas, Wildlife Extension Landowner Agreement Areas, etc.). The majority of these areas are found in the southern part of the province. These areas may have seasonal or daily user fees. Hunters interested in hunting in these areas should contact their local MNRF District office for more information.

Crown Game Preserves

It is illegal to hunt or trap in Crown Game Preserves. In addition, you may not use or possess firearms in Crown Game Preserves, unless you live on private land within a Crown Game Preserve.

Hunting in Provincial Parks

Hunting is permitted in a number of provincial parks in Ontario. Hunters should ALWAYS check with the appropriate park office regarding areas open to hunting, species that can be hunted, seasons, and other restrictions that apply in each park. Call 1-800-387-7011 or 1-800-667-1940 for assistance.

Conservation Officers

Conservation officers are appointed under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act*, and include: Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a police officer or First Nations constable appointed under the *Police Services Act*, a game officer designated under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, a park warden designated under the *Canada National Parks Act*, and a person whose primary employment responsibility is enforcement of fish and wildlife laws in a border jurisdiction if they are acting under the direction of a conservation officer. Conservation officers have powers of inspection, arrest, search and seizure under the various laws they enforce, including the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Fisheries Act*.

Conservation officers have authority to enforce the *Off-Road Vehicles Act, Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, Liquor Licence Act*, and *Canada Shipping Act*. When carrying out their duties, or investigating an offence under these statutes or the corresponding regulations, conservation officers may have the power to:

- Stop and/or inspect a vehicle, boat or aircraft
- Inspect firearms, ammunition, wildlife or fish
- Ask questions relevant to the inspection
- Inspect buildings or other places
- Enter and cross-over private property
- Search with a warrant
- Search without a warrant in circumstances requiring immediate action
- Seize items related to the offence
- Arrest anyone they believe has committed, is committing or is about to commit an offence.

Conservation officers operate “game check stations” throughout the year. At these stations, conservation officers collect

information on game taken by hunters and make sure the regulations are being followed in order to better manage our wildlife resources. During an inspection, hunters are required to provide reasonable assistance and provide accurate information about the hunt. When transporting game harvested by another hunter, you must be prepared to provide information about the hunter (e.g., name, Outdoors Card number, licence number) and details of the hunt (e.g., date and location of kill) if requested by a conservation officer.

Game Wildlife and Parts

Black bear gallbladders: It is illegal to possess a gallbladder that has been removed from a black bear.

With the exception of furbearing mammals you may not let the flesh of any harvested game wildlife that is suitable for food become spoiled or abandoned. This includes black bear.

A hunter who kills a furbearing mammal (e.g., coyote, raccoon) shall not abandon the pelt or permit the pelt to be spoiled or destroyed. A pelt is the untanned skin of a furbearing mammal, whether or not the skin is on a carcass.

In general, it is illegal to buy, sell or barter any game wildlife or specially protected wildlife or their parts (including taxidermy mounts). There are some exemptions – please contact your local MNRF District office for more information. You may purchase the meat of a furbearing mammal from a licensed trapper or farmer for consumption by your immediate family. A person selling a carcass of a furbearing mammal for consumption must advise the buyer in writing that the meat has not been inspected under the *Food Safety and Quality Act*.

Please visit ontario.ca/page/buy-or-sell-wild-animal-hides-or-antlers-native-ontario or call 1-800-387-7011 or 1-800-667-1940 for information on buying or selling hides or cast (naturally shed) antlers.

Please visit ontario.ca/page/serve-fish-or-wild-game-charitable-events or call 1-800-387-7011 or 1-800-667-1940 for information on serving wild game at charitable events.

Shipping

Unless accompanied by the hunter or trapper who lawfully harvested the animal, receptacles containing game wildlife or specially protected wildlife that are being shipped or transported to points inside or outside Ontario must have the names and addresses of the sender and receiver, and a list of the contents, written on the outside.

Import

It is an offence to possess wildlife that was killed, captured, taken, possessed, transported, bought, sold or removed from another jurisdiction contrary to the laws of that jurisdiction. It is an offence to sell wildlife from another jurisdiction if the sale is not permitted in the jurisdiction from which it was originally exported.

To prevent the introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), Ontario restricts the import and possession of high-risk carcass parts from all members of the deer family (including white-tailed deer, American elk, moose and caribou) harvested in other jurisdictions. See ontario.ca/cwd for more information.

Export

Non-residents must have an Ontario Non-Resident Export Permit to export moose, deer, elk or black bear that were killed in Ontario, or their parts.

An 'Export Licence for Furbearing Mammals and their Pelts' is required to export any furbearing mammal (including a wolf or coyote) or their pelt out of Ontario whether it originated from Ontario or not. This also includes pelts from farmed animals, carcasses and live furbearing mammals. Royalties are payable on all wild Ontario furbearing mammals prior to their export from Ontario. You may obtain an export permit from a local MNRF District office.

Export permits are not required for taxidermy mounts or tanned hides of a black bear, white-tailed deer, moose or elk. Export permits are also not required for pelts or other parts of furbearing mammals that have been treated by a taxidermist or that have been lawfully bought or sold and are tanned, treated, or manufactured into commercial products. Artwork or jewellery made from game wildlife, where the primary value is in the artwork or jewellery and not in the wildlife, is also exempt from the requirement for an export permit.

In some provinces and countries, importation of wildlife is regulated. Hunters should check for any import requirements to avoid delays when returning home with harvested game.

Canadian CITES Export Permits

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is an international agreement which regulates trade in a number of species of animals and plants, their parts and derivatives, and any articles made from them. In some instances a CITES permit is required to export an animal, or parts of an animal, from Canada.

Residents and non-residents need a Canadian CITES export permit to export wolf, black bear and several other species from Canada. The CITES permit requirement is waived for U.S. or Canadian residents in some instances where a black bear is being exported. Refer to the Black Bear section (p.79) for more information. Please contact the local MNRF District office to make arrangements to obtain a CITES permit. Please allow up to 10 days to receive a permit.

Camping on Crown Land and in Conservation Reserves

Most Crown land and conservation reserves are available year-round for personal, temporary use, at no cost. Some restrictions apply to certain activities and areas. Non-residents of Canada who are 18 years of age or older generally require a permit to camp on Crown land in northern Ontario or in a conservation reserve anywhere in Ontario.

For more information:
- Contact the local MNRF district office
- Contact Natural Resources Information and Support Centre at 1-800-387-7011 or 1-800-667-1940 or NRISC@ontario.ca
- visit ontario.ca/page/camping-crown-land

Note: Non-residents are prohibited from camping on Crown land within 1 km of the following road systems in Kenora and Fort Frances Districts between October 1 and November 15:
- Hwy 71 and roads branching off Hwy 71 from Strachan Road to the junction of Hwy 17
- Hwy 596, Caribou Falls Road and Sand Lake Road and all roads branching off these roads to the junction of the English River Road
- Rush Bay Road and branch roads
- Shoal Lake Road and branch roads
- Gundy Lake Road and branch roads.

For more information, contact the Kenora District Office at (807) 468-2501 or the Fort Frances District Office at (807) 274-5337.

How to Apply to Big Game Draws

Applying to a Big Game Draw

Big game draws run each year for deer, moose, and elk to distribute specific hunting opportunities to hunters. When applying to a big game draw make sure:

- you have a valid Outdoors Card
- you apply early in the application period – do not wait until the last day
- you submit only one application in your name
- you don't have any hunting suspensions.

Hunters may apply to the big game draws by one of three ways:

1. **Online:** at huntandfishontario.com
2. **Phone:** by calling 1-800-288-1155, or
3. **In-person:** by visiting a participating ServiceOntario or licence issuer.

To apply you will need:

- a valid Outdoors Card
- method of payment (VISA, MasterCard, VISA Debit, and Debit MasterCard are accepted)
- any hunt codes that correspond to your first and second choice (if you have one) WMU, including any sub-units you are applying to. Hunt codes can be found in the moose, deer and elk sections of this summary. (**Note:** No hunt codes are needed for the antlerless deer draw)
- your group number (if you are applying as a member of a group).

Whichever option you choose to apply, online, phone or in-person, it is your responsibility as an applicant to ensure that applications are valid and choices are entered correctly.

Applying Online

You can visit huntandfishontario.com to purchase a licence and apply to the draw either all at once or in separate transactions. The information you enter electronically is your application to the draw and you will be asked to confirm that your choices are correct.

Once you have completed and submitted the application, save a copy of your draw application receipt for future reference.

Applying by Telephone

You can apply to a big game draw by calling 1-800-288-1155 during the draw period. This toll-free number operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 11:59pm of the draw deadline. Phone lines will be open during the following periods:

- Moose: April 15 to June 1
- Elk: April 15 to June 10
- Antlerless Deer: March 1 to June 30
- Controlled Deer: August 1 to August 31

Once you have completed your application, you will be asked to confirm that your choices are correct and you will receive an authorization number.

Applying in-person

You can apply to a big game draw in person at a participating ServiceOntario or licence issuer. A list of participating ServiceOntario and licence issuers is available online at ontario.ca/outdoorscard.

Types of Applicants

There are three types of draw applicants recognized through the service:

- Group Leader
- Group Member
- Individual Applicant

Note: Only individual applicants can apply to the Antlerless Deer Draw.

How to Apply to Big Game Draws

If you hunt in a party, it is to your advantage to apply as a group rather than as individuals. The maximum number of hunters that can apply to the draw as one group are:

- Moose: 15 (14 plus the leader)
- Elk: 4 (3 plus the leader)
- Controlled Deer Draw: 4 (3 plus the leader)

Group Leader

The Group Leader must be the first member of the group to apply. The Group Leader is the only member of a group who enters the hunt code representing the group's choice of WMU, type/sex (if applicable), season and firearm (if applicable). The Group Leader is then provided with a Group Number to identify the group and its choices. The Group Leader must give the Group Number to the Group Members so they may add their names to the group's application when submitting their application.

Group Member

Each Group Member must obtain the Group Number from the Group Leader before entering the draw. Members will be asked for the Group Number so the group can be identified and linked together for application to the draw.

Individual Applicant

Individuals must enter their choice of WMU, or hunt code (if applicable) which represents their choice of WMU, type/sex (if applicable), season, and firearm (if applicable). Each individual applicant will be given an Authorization Number. The authorization number confirms that the hunter has been successfully entered into the draw. Please record this authorization number for your records.

Draw Results

Applicants can go online to huntandfishontario.com or call 1-800-288-1155 for their draw results. Please check the Important Dates section (p.5) for when draw results are available. Hunters will need their 15-digit Outdoors Card number (or account login information if checking online) to access their draw record.

Moose Tag Allocation Changes for 2021

There are significant changes coming to moose tag allocation for 2021. While the draw this year will use the existing system be aware of the pending changes so you and your party can prepare for 2021. For more information visit ontario.ca/moose.

A Message from Ontario's Conservation Officers

Any hunting injury caused by the discharge of a firearm which requires treatment by a physician must be reported to a conservation officer. You may also report by calling 1-877-847-7667.

Report Resource Abuse 1-877-847-7667

White-tailed Deer

WHITE-TAILED DEER SEASONS

Rifles, Shotguns, Muzzle-loading Guns and Bows

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident – Open Season	Non-Resident – Open Season
1C, 16A, 16B, 16C, 17	September 19 to December 15	None
2, 3, 4, 5, 11B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 18A, 18B, 19, 21A	October 10 to December 15	None
6, 7B, 9A, 9B, 11A, 12A, 12B	October 10 to December 15	October 10 to November 15
8	October 31 to December 15	October 31 to December 15
10	October 31 to December 15	October 31 to November 15
21B	October 10 to December 15	October 12 to November 15
22, 23, 24, 27, 30, 34	October 10 to November 15	October 12 to November 15
25	September 19 to December 15	September 21 to November 15
26	September 19 to October 31	September 21 to October 31
28, 29, 31, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44	November 2 to November 14	November 2 to November 14
43A, 43B	November 16 to November 22	November 16 to November 22
45	November 7 to November 13	November 7 to November 13
46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53A, 54, 55A, 55B, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63A, 63B, 64A, 64B*, 65*, 66A, 67, 68A, 68B*, 69B*, 71*, 72A*, 73*, 74A*, 74B, 75*	November 2 to November 15	November 2 to November 15
82A, 82B, 83A, 84	November 2 to November 7	November 2 to November 7

* indicates that rifles are not permitted during the open resident and non-resident seasons.

Note: Use of dogs is not permitted in WMUs 5, 8, 10, 43A, 43B, 44, 45, 65, 71, 72A, 73, 75, 82A, 82B, 83A, 84. Landowner's written permission is required in WMUs 43A, 43B and 44.

Muzzle-loading Guns and Bows Only

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident – Open Season	Non-Resident – Open Season
5	October 3 to October 9	None
6, 7B, 9A, 9B, 11A	October 3 to October 9	October 3 to October 9
7A	October 10 to December 15	October 10 to November 15
8	October 17 to October 30	October 17 to October 30
18B	September 19 to October 9	None
37, 43A, 43B, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63A, 63B, 64A, 64B, 65, 66A, 67, 68A, 68B, 69B, 71, 72A, 73, 74A, 74B, 75	November 30 to December 6	November 30 to December 6
82A, 82B, 83A, 84	November 30 to December 5	November 30 to December 5
82B	November 16 to November 21	November 16 to November 21

Note: Use of dogs is not permitted during these seasons in WMUs 5, 6, 7B, 8, 9A, 9B, 11A, 37, 43A, 43B, 60, 61, 62, 63A, 63B, 64A, 64B, 65, 66A, 67, 68A, 68B, 69B, 71, 72A, 73, 74A, 74B, 75. Landowner's written permission is required in WMUs 43A and 43B.

Are you planning to hunt outside Ontario?

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is working to prevent the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) to Ontario. As a result, there are restrictions on the possession of certain "high risk" parts of deer, elk, moose and caribou that were harvested in other jurisdictions.

Ontarians wishing to hunt outside Ontario and bring back the deer, elk, moose or caribou carcass should carefully review the restrictions in order to avoid seizure of game, as well as fines and potential charges. **For more information, visit MNRF's Chronic Wasting Disease website at ontario.ca/cwd**

Ontario

Bows Only

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident – Open Season	Non-Resident – Open Season
2, 3, 4, 11B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 19, 21A	September 1 to October 9	None
5	September 1 to October 2	None
6, 7B, 9A, 9B, 11A	September 1 to October 2	September 19 to October 2
8	September 1 to October 16	October 3 to October 16
10	October 1 to October 30	October 1 to October 30
12A, 12B	September 1 to October 9	September 19 to October 9
18A	September 19 to October 9	None
21B	September 1 to October 9	September 1 to October 9
22, 23, 24, 27, 30	September 1 to October 9, November 16 to November 30	September 1 to October 9, November 16 to November 30
28, 29, 31, 35, 38, 39, 40, 41	October 1 to November 1, November 15 to November 30	October 1 to November 1, November 15 to November 30
34*	November 16 to November 30	November 16 to November 30
36, 42	October 1 to November 1, November 15 to December 15	October 1 to November 1, November 15 to December 15
37	October 1 to November 1, November 15 to November 29, December 7 to December 15	October 1 to November 1, November 15 to November 29, December 7 to December 15
43A, 43B	October 1 to November 15	October 1 to November 15
44	October 1 to November 1	October 1 to November 1
45	October 1 to October 30, November 16 to December 15	October 1 to October 30, November 16 to December 15
46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53A, 57, 58	October 1 to November 1, November 16 to December 15	October 1 to November 1, November 16 to December 15
53B	October 1 to November 1, November 7 to December 15	October 1 to November 1, November 7 to December 15
54**, 55A, 55B, 56	October 1 to November 1, November 16 to December 15	October 1 to November 1, November 16 to December 15
59, 63B, 64A, 64B, 66A, 67, 68A, 68B, 69B, 71, 72A, 73, 74A, 74B, 75	October 1 to November 1, November 16 to November 29, December 7 to December 31	October 1 to November 1, November 16 to November 29, December 7 to December 31
60, 61, 62, 63A	October 1 to November 1, November 16 to November 29 December 7 to December 15	October 1 to November 1, November 16 to November 29, December 7 to December 15

* Excluding parts of WMU which lie within the boundaries of Lake Superior Provincial Park
** Excluding parts of WMU which lie within boundaries of Algonquin Provincial Park

Bows Only continued

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident – Open Season	Non-Resident – Open Season
65	October 1 to October 4, October 15 to November 1, November 16 to November 29, December 7 to December 31	October 1 to October 4 October 15 to November 1, November 16 to November 29, December 7 to December 31
66B	November 9 to November 14	November 9 to November 14
69A1, 69A3, 72B	October 1 to December 31	October 1 to December 31
69A2, 70	October 1 to November 29, December 7 to December 31	October 1 to November 29, December 7 to December 31
76A, 76B, 76C, 76D, 76E, 77A, 77B, 77C, 78A, 78B, 81A, 81B	October 1 to November 1, November 7 to November 29, December 5 to December 31	None
78C, 78D, 78E, 87A, 88, 94A	October 1 to December 31	None
79C, 79D	October 1 to November 1, November 7 to December 31	None
80, 85A, 85B, 85C, 87B, 87C, 87D, 87E, 89A, 89B, 90A, 90B, 93A, 93B	October 1 to November 1, November 9 to November 29, December 7 to December 31	None
82A, 83A, 84	October 1 to November 1, November 8 to November 29, December 6 to December 31	October 1 to November 1, November 8 to November 29, December 6 to December 31
82B	October 1 to November 1, November 8 to November 15, November 22 to November 29, December 6 to December 31	October 1 to November 1, November 8 to November 15, November 22 to November 29, December 6 to December 31
86A, 86B	October 1 to November 29, December 7 to December 31	None
91A, 91B, 92A, 92B, 92C, 92D	October 1 to November 1, November 9 to November 15, November 23 to November 29, December 7 to December 31	None
94B	October 1 to November 1, November 9 to December 31	None

Note: Use of dogs is not permitted during the Bows Only seasons. Landowner's written permission is required in WMUs 43A, 43B and 44. Contact the local MNRF District office for more information on the Bows Only seasons in WMUs 82C and 93C.

Controlled Deer Hunt Seasons (with Hunt Codes)

WMU	Resident - Open Season	Hunt Code
53B	November 2 to 6	300
69A2	November 30 to December 6	301
70	November 30 to December 6	302
76A ^	November 2 to 6	303
76A ^	November 30 to December 4	304
76B	November 2 to 6	305
76B	November 30 to December 4	306
76C	November 2 to 6	307
76C	November 30 to December 4	308
76D	November 2 to 6	309
76D	November 30 to December 4	310
76E *	November 2 to 6	311
76E *	November 30 to December 4	312
77B	November 2 to 6	313
77B	November 30 to December 4	314
77C	November 2 to 6	315

WMU	Resident - Open Season	Hunt Code
77C	November 30 to December 4	316
78A	November 2 to 6	317
78A	November 30 to December 4	318
78B	November 2 to 6	319
78B	November 30 to December 4	320
79C	November 2 to 6	321
79D	November 2 to 6	322
80	November 2 to 8	323
80 +	November 30 to December 6	324
81A	November 2 to 6	325
81A	November 30 to December 4	326
81B	November 2 to 6	327
81B	November 30 to December 4	328
85A	November 2 to 8	329
85A	November 30 to December 6	330
85B	November 2 to 8	331

Controlled Deer Hunt Notes:
Unless otherwise indicated, only shotguns and muzzle-loading guns are permitted in controlled deer hunts.

* indicates that only muzzle-loading guns are permitted.
+ indicates that only bows and muzzle-loading guns are permitted.
^ indicates that rifles, shotguns and muzzle-loading guns are permitted.

The use of dogs is not permitted during controlled deer hunts.

Controlled deer hunt validations are for antlered or antlerless deer, except a portion are for antlered deer only in WMUs 76A, 76B, 76C, 76D, 76E, 77B and 77C. Applicants to these WMUs do not specify their preferred validation type. Your Licence Summary will indicate which validation type you were randomly drawn for.

WMUs 77A, 82C, 83B and 83C have unique controlled deer seasons and administration. Please contact the local MNRF District office for more information.

Controlled Deer Hunt Seasons (with Hunt Codes) continued

WMU	Resident - Open Season	Hunt Code
85B	November 30 to December 6	332
85C	November 2 to 8	333
85C	November 30 to December 6	334
86A	November 30 to December 6	335
86B	November 30 to December 6	336
87B	November 2 to 8	337
87B	November 30 to December 6	338
87C	November 2 to 8	339
87C	November 30 to December 6	340
87D	November 2 to 8	341
87D	November 30 to December 6	342
87E	November 2 to 8	343
87E	November 30 to December 6	344
89A	November 2 to 8	345
89A	November 30 to December 6	346
89B	November 2 to 8	347
89B	November 30 to December 6	348
90A	November 2 to 8	349
90A	November 30 to December 6	350
90B	November 2 to 8	351
90B	November 30 to December 6	352

WMU	Resident - Open Season	Hunt Code
91A	November 2 to 8	353
91A *	November 16 to 22	354
91A	November 30 to December 6	355
91B	November 2 to 8	356
91B *	November 16 to 22	357
91B	November 30 to December 6	358
92A *	November 2 to 8	359
92A *	November 16 to 22	360
92A *	November 30 to December 6	361
92B *	November 2 to 8	362
92B *	November 16 to 22	363
92B *	November 30 to December 6	364
92C *	November 2 to 8	365
92C *	November 16 to 22	366
92C *	November 30 to December 6	367
92D *	November 2 to 8	368
92D *	November 16 to 22	369
92D *	November 30 to December 6	370
93A	November 2 to 8	371
93A	November 30 to December 6	372
93B	November 2 to 8	373
93B	November 30 to December 6	374
94B	November 2 to 8	375

* indicates that only muzzle-loading guns are permitted.
WMU 93C has a unique controlled deer season and administration. Please contact Aylmer District office at (519) 773-9241 for more information.

Deer Hunting Requirements

Anyone wishing to hunt deer must have the following:

- Outdoors Card
- Deer Licence or Farmer's Deer Licence listed on your Licence Summary
- Deer Tag or Additional Deer Tag (validated for the appropriate season/firearm, area, and type of deer) OR be party hunting with a person who has a valid Deer Tag or Additional Deer Tag, and
- Proof of firearm accreditation if you are hunting with a gun.

Resident hunters wishing to hunt an antlerless deer (deer with no antlers or antlers both less than 7.5cm long, which generally include adult female deer and fawns of both sexes) should apply to the antlerless deer draw and/or the controlled deer hunt draw depending on their WMU and season of preference. (**Note:** Hunters may also hunt an antlerless deer by purchasing an Additional Deer Tag valid for antlerless deer or by party hunting with a person who has a Deer Tag or Additional Deer Tag valid for an antlerless deer).

Resident hunters who wish to hunt in a controlled deer hunt must apply to be successful in the controlled deer hunt draw. Eligible farmers and landowners may apply for a farmer/landowner validation instead of applying to the controlled deer hunt draw.

Note: Only farmers (or an immediate relative) whose primary occupation is farming who live upon and till land which they own are eligible for a Farmer's Deer Licence. The tag that is issued with a Farmer's Deer Licence is only valid for the geographic area in which the farmer's land is located. Farmers must identify the geographic area in which their land is located and complete an attestation online or in-person at a participating ServiceOntario or licence issuer.

Deer Hunting Regulations

Hunters are only permitted to harvest the type of deer identified on their Deer Tag or Additional Deer Tag, except in the following circumstances:

- if party hunting, a hunter may harvest the type of deer identified on the Deer Tag (or Additional Deer Tag) of a member of their hunting party, or
- if hunting in a controlled deer hunt, a hunter may only harvest the type of deer identified on their (or their party member's) controlled deer hunt validation listed on their Licence Summary or their Additional Controlled Deer Tag.

Tagging and Transporting

See the Tag section (p.19) for details on tagging and transporting. Additional information on shipping and exporting can be found in the General Regulations section (p.34).

Mandatory Hunter Reporting Requirements

See the Hunter Reporting Requirements section (p.22) for details on timelines and how to submit your report.

Firearms

Big game, including deer, may only be hunted with a firearm (includes bows). When hunting deer, you may only use or carry a firearm of the type permitted for hunting deer at that time in that WMU. For example, when hunting deer during a bows-only season, you may only use and carry bow hunting equipment. Specifications on the firearms, bows, bolts and arrows that are permitted when hunting deer are found in the General Regulations section (p.29).

Party Hunting for Deer

Party hunting is permitted during the open season for deer under a set of specific conditions. The list of conditions is listed in the General Regulations section (p.30).

A person shall not hunt deer in a party during a controlled deer hunt season unless his/her Licence Summary has been validated for that specific controlled deer hunt season. The exception is an apprentice hunter who is hunting with a licensed mentor (in which case the mentor must have his/her Licence Summary validated for the relevant controlled deer hunt season).

Dogs

The use of dogs is permitted for hunting deer during some seasons (a dog licence is required in these cases) – refer to the deer season tables for information on when dogs are not permitted. In areas where the use of dogs is prohibited for hunting, dogs may still be used to track and retrieve a deer that has been wounded during a lawful hunt (see the General Regulations section (p.31) for more information).

Guides

Non-residents must employ one licensed guide for each two hunters when hunting deer in the Territorial District of Rainy River. WMUs within the Territorial District of Rainy River are 9B, 10, 11A and parts of 7B and 12B - refer to the WMU maps section (p.12) and deer season tables for more information.

Additional Deer Tags

When deer populations in certain WMUs warrant, hunters may be offered the opportunity to harvest an additional deer through the purchase of Additional Deer Tags or Additional Controlled Deer Tags.

Information regarding 2020 Additional Deer Tags (WMUs, hunt codes) will be posted online at: ontario.ca/hunting later this year. If you do not have internet access, please contact the Natural Resources Information and Support Centre at 1-800-387-7011 or 1-800-667-1940.

Additional Deer Tags are available on a first come, first served basis. Additional Deer Tags may also be available to non-residents in WMUs with a non-resident deer season. A Deer Licence is required before you can purchase an Additional Deer Tag.

Note: Additional Deer Tags are not valid during controlled deer hunt seasons.

Controlled Deer Hunt

In order to be able to hunt during a controlled deer hunt season, you must obtain a controlled deer hunt validation by applying to the draw. If you are successful in the draw, you will need to print an updated Licence Summary that lists your controlled deer hunt validation (area, season, type of deer).

Any resident of Ontario who has a valid Outdoors Card may apply to the draw for a controlled deer hunt validation. It is not necessary to purchase a Deer Licence prior to applying to the controlled deer hunt draw; however, hunters who receive a validation in the draw **must** purchase a Deer Licence before their validation will appear on their Licence Summary and before they can hunt in the controlled hunt. Each hunter who receives a validation in the draw is permitted to hunt deer in the WMU specified on their Licence Summary during the period indicated. If successful in the draw, the validation is for an antlerless or antlered deer, unless otherwise specified. Hunters who are not successful in the controlled deer hunt draw may not participate in the controlled deer hunt.

Generally bows are not permitted during controlled deer hunts.

Note: Apprentice hunters (12-14 years old) are not eligible to apply to the controlled hunt draw or receive a controlled deer hunt validation, but they may participate in a controlled hunt with a mentor who has a controlled deer hunt validation for the relevant season listed on his/her Licence Summary. Any deer harvested must be using the mentor's validation and tag in these cases.

Controlled deer hunt draw applicants who wish to hunt in a party should apply as a group (using the Group Number provided by the Group Leader) rather than as individuals. The benefit of this is that if your group application is selected in the draw, every hunter listed on your application will receive a controlled deer hunt validation. The applicant who hunts in a party but applies as an individual risks being the only hunter in the party who is successful, or unsuccessful, in the draw. Individual and group applicants have the same chance of success in the draw.

For instructions on how to apply to the controlled deer hunt draw, refer to How to Apply to Big Game Draws section (p.36).

Note: Additional Controlled Deer Tags may only be purchased by a person who holds a controlled deer hunt validation for the relevant WMU and season. Additional Controlled Deer Tags are only valid during the controlled deer hunt season specified on the tag.

Farmer and Landowner Controlled Hunt Validation

Farmers and landowners (or an immediate relative) may be eligible to receive a controlled deer hunt validation for one controlled deer hunt season if they meet one of the following criteria:

- They own a parcel of 20 hectares (50 acres) or more of land in a WMU with a controlled hunt OR
- Their occupation is farming and they have an Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Farm Business Registration Number (or letter of exemption from the Farm Organization Accreditation Tribunal) in a WMU with a controlled hunt OR
- They are the owner or the sole designated representative (president, vice-president, treasurer or secretary) of a company which owns a parcel of land of 20 hectares (50 acres) or more in the WMU with a controlled deer hunt.

Farmers and landowners who meet the eligibility criteria may submit one application for a controlled deer hunt validation by completing an attestation statement online or in-person at a participating ServiceOntario or licence issuer. An immediate relative of the farmer or landowner meeting the above criteria also qualifies to receive a controlled deer hunt validation tag. During the application process the farmer or landowner will indicate if they wish to add any immediate relatives, the farmer or landowner will require the outdoors card number of the relative and the relationship to them in order to complete the process. An immediate relative is a person's grandparent, parent, spouse, child, step-child, or grandchild.

Note: You must have a valid Outdoors Card and a valid Deer Licence or Farmer's Deer Licence before your controlled deer hunt validation will appear on your Licence Summary.

Chronic Wasting Disease

What is Chronic Wasting Disease?

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a degenerative, fatal and untreatable disease of the central nervous system affecting members of the deer family (e.g., deer, elk, moose, caribou). CWD is a devastating disease that has killed and infected thousands of deer and elk in North America. CWD is a similar disease to scrapie in domestic sheep, BSE or mad cow disease in cattle and Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease in humans.

What are the symptoms?

Infected animals show abnormal behaviour accompanied by progressive weight loss. In latter stages of the disease, affected animals show signs of extreme weight loss, repetitive behaviour, drowsiness, lack of co-ordination, drooping head and ears, trembling, drooling, and increased drinking and urination.

How is Chronic Wasting Disease spread?

CWD can be spread by close contact between animals or by exposure to a contaminated environment. There is evidence the disease may remain infectious in the environment, such as in soil, for years.

Is Chronic Wasting Disease in Ontario?

There is no evidence that CWD is in Ontario, but it is important to be vigilant. The MNRF has been conducting annual surveillance monitoring since 2002 with the help of deer hunters, and has found no evidence that CWD exists in Ontario. The MNRF encourages hunters to continue to take part in ongoing surveillance programs by providing samples of their harvested deer for testing. Hunters can visit ontario.ca/cwd or call their local MNRF District office for specific annual testing locations.

Can Chronic Wasting Disease affect humans?

The World Health Organization has said that while there is no scientific evidence that CWD can infect humans, it recommends that meat or organs from an infected/sick animal should NOT be consumed by humans or animals.

Does Ontario have a Chronic Wasting Disease Plan?

Yes! Ontario has finalized a CWD Prevention and Response Plan. Ontario's plan is designed to minimize the threat posed by CWD and protect the significant benefits provided by cervid species in the province. Please visit ontario.ca/cwd for more information on symptoms, testing and how you can help keep CWD out of Ontario.

Help Ontario **Monitor Wildlife Diseases**

Hunter observations of diseased or dead wildlife can play a key role in monitoring for emerging wildlife diseases. Hunters who encounter diseased or dead wildlife can contact the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative (CWHC) at **1-866-673-4781**.

Organs, tissue samples or whole animals (small animals) can be submitted at no cost for disease diagnosis. Information on how to submit samples to the CWHC is available at: **cwhc-rcsf.ca/report_submit.php**

Keeping Chronic Wasting Disease Out of Ontario

Ontario has a number of laws in place to help prevent CWD from entering Ontario:

- It is illegal to use or possess natural attractants for hunting (includes products that contain body fluids of any member of the deer family, such as blood, urine, gland oils, and other fluids). Only artificial or plant-based products can be used.
- It is illegal to bring high-risk body parts and fluids of any member of the deer family into Ontario that were harvested in another jurisdiction. If you plan to hunt outside of Ontario, please visit ontario.ca/cwd for more information on import restrictions related to CWD.

Note: Most jurisdictions have regulations in place governing the transport of deer family carcasses through their area. Contact the appropriate government agency in the jurisdictions where you intend to transport cervid carcasses to avoid inconvenience, potential seizure of game and charges.

What can Hunters and the Public do to help?

- Know and follow the CWD prevention rules. Tell others about the rules if they are not aware.
- Avoid feeding deer and elk due to the increased potential to spread disease.
- Always practice safe carcass handling procedures (e.g. wear rubber or latex gloves when field dressing deer, minimize contact with and do not eat eyes, brain, spinal cord, spleen, tonsil or lymph nodes).
- Report any deer displaying physical signs of illness (including loss of body weight and condition, indifference to humans, increased salivation, tremors, stumbling) to your local MNRF District office.
- Immediately contact your local MNRF office if you become aware of a positive CWD test from an animal that was harvested out-of-province, so that your meat can be safely disposed.

Are you feeding wildlife?

A number of risks are associated with wildlife feeding at communal feeding sites.

Animals being fed can:

- become habituated to artificial food sources
- consume artificial feed mixes not healthy for them
- cause road accidents as they move to feeders
- cause conflicts with pets and humans
- have an increased risk of passing on parasites or diseases (e.g. Chronic Wasting Disease).

For these reasons, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry discourages the feeding of wildlife. To learn more about the risks associated with feeding wildlife visit the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry website.

ontario.ca/feedingwildlife

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Turkey Chili

This turkey chili made with ground turkey is tasty served topped with shredded cheese, sour cream, green onions and corn tortillas.

Preparation Time: 20 minutes
Cooking Time: 30 minutes
Serves 6 to 8

2 tbsp (25 mL)	vegetable oil
1-1/2 cup (375 mL)	chopped Ontario Onions
1 cup (250 mL)	diced Ontario Carrots
2 lbs (908 grams)	ground Ontario Wild Turkey **or** 2 pkgs (454 g **each**) store-bought ground Ontario Turkey
1 tbsp (15 mL)	minced Ontario Jalapeño pepper
1	large clove Ontario Garlic, minced
1	can (56 mL) tomato paste
2	cans (540 mL **each**) bean medley **or** mixed beans, drained and rinsed
1	can (796 mL) diced tomatoes with liquid
1 cup (250 mL)	reduced sodium chicken broth **or** water
2 tbsp (25 mL)	chili powder
1 tbsp (15 mL)	dried oregano
1 tsp (5 mL)	ground cumin
1/2 cup (125 mL)	shredded Ontario Cheddar Cheese
	Ontario Sour Cream
	Sliced Ontario Green Onions
	Corn tortillas chips

In Dutch oven, heat oil over medium heat. Add onions, carrots and turkey. Cook breaking up meat with wooden spoon for 7 minutes or until turkey is no longer pink and vegetables are starting to soften.

Stir in jalapeño pepper and garlic; cook for 1 minute. Stir in tomato paste. Stir in beans, tomatoes, broth, chili powder, oregano and cumin; bring to boil, stirring often. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 20 minutes or until slightly thickened. Sprinkle cheese evenly over bowls; top with sour cream, green onions and corn tortilla chips.

Nutritional Information:
1 Serving (When recipe serves 8):

PROTEIN:	34 grams
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CARBOHYDRATE:	36 grams
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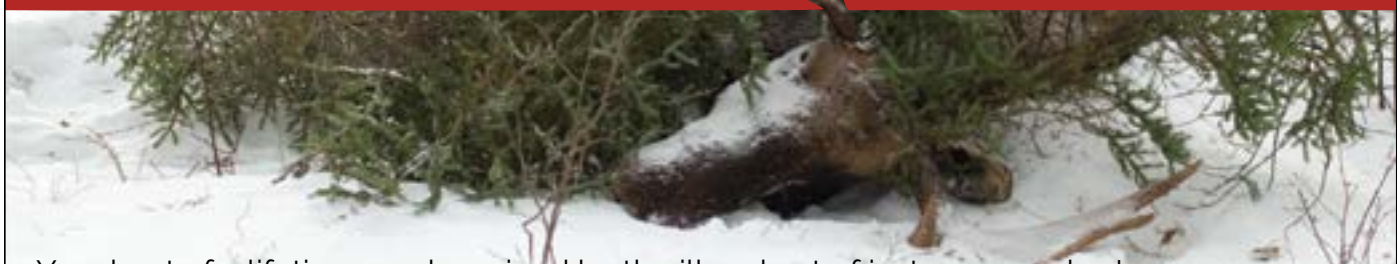

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Last year's Antlerless Deer Draw Results

WMU	Quota	% chance first choice
1C	20	100%
2	20	100%
3	200	100%
4	75	100%
5	400	100%
6	50	100%
7A	50	100%
7B	1,000	100%
8	800	100%
9A	150	100%
9B	400	100%
10	1,600	100%
11A	250	100%
11B	75	100%
12A	25	100%
12B	250	100%
13	2,500	100%
14	25	100%
15A	50	100%
15B	150	100%
16A	20	100%
16B	20	100%
16C	20	100%
17	20	100%
18A	20	100%
18B	20	100%
19	25	100%
21A	150	100%
21B	50	100%
22	50	100%
23	50	100%
24	50	100%
25	50	100%
26	50	100%
27	50	100%
28	100	100%

WMU	Quota	% chance first choice
29	50	100%
30	50	100%
31	50	100%
34	30	100%
35	50	100%
36	500	43%
37	450	42%
38	75	100%
39	100	14%
40	75	100%
41	400	41%
42	600	29%
43A	300	39%
43B	4,000	71%
44	10	12%
45	475	46%
46	450	27%
47	2,000	38%
48	1,200	66%
49	1,100	30%
50	380	31%
53A	500	29%
53B	45	76%
54	500	53%
55A	500	63%
55B	650	39%
56	1,025	44%
57	2,000	66%
58	1,900	54%
59	1,665	67%
60	4,000	66%
61	1,300	35%
62	1,000	39%
63A	1,500	38%
63B	500	46%
64A	1,400	73%

Last year's Antlerless Deer Draw Results continued

WMU	Quota	% chance first choice
64B	215	40%
65	4,300	100%
66A	600	45%
66B	30	100%
67	1,400	43%
68A	250	31%
68B	500	37%
69A	600	100%
69B	350	100%
70	300	100%
71	800	100%
72A	600	74%
72B	50	100%
73	1,600	92%
74A	350	100%
74B	450	74%
75	900	96%
76	500	48%
77	600	79%

WMU	Quota	% chance first choice
78	700	78%
79	400	100%
80	1,500	100%
81	500	74%
82A	6,300	100%
82B	800	100%
83A	150	24%
84	3,200	100%
85	1,450	100%
86	500	100%
87	1,500	100%
88	600	100%
89	1,800	100%
90	1,800	100%
91	1,200	100%
92	3,600	100%
93	2,200	100%
94	2,700	100%

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Going Hunting?

Debris and grass build-up on the ATV can heat, fall and ignite! Reduce the risk of sparking a wildfire.

1. Keep your machine clean.
2. Stop often to check for and remove debris.
3. Let your machine cool.
4. Ensure your ATV has a proper spark arrestor.
5. Pack a shovel, collapsible pail or fire extinguisher in case of fire.

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Last year's Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Draw Results

WMU	Season	Quota	% chance first choice
53B	1	100	56%
69A	3	950	100%
70	3	550	67%
76A	1	450	100%
76A	3	250	91%
76B	1	400	100%
76B	3	250	78%
76C	1	600	100%
76C	3	215	77%
76D	1	275	100%
76D	3	200	100%
76E	1	20	100%
76E	3	25	100%
77B	1	700	100%
77B	3	200	96%
77C	1	300	100%
77C	3	250	100%
78A	1	300	92%
78A	3	300	92%
78B	1	300	93%
78B	3	300	100%
79C	1	400	100%
79D	1	175	100%
80	1	2,800	100%
80	3	500	100%
81A	1	700	100%
81A	3	200	100%
81B	1	750	100%
81B	3	360	100%
85A	1	825	100%
85A	3	475	100%
85B	1	1,575	100%
85B	3	1,125	100%

WMU	Season	Quota	% chance first choice
85C	1	725	100%
85C	3	525	100%
86A	3	550	100%
86B	3	600	100%
87B	1	700	100%
87B	3	200	100%
87C	1	500	100%
87C	3	200	100%
87D	1	900	100%
87D	3	250	100%
87E	1	600	100%
87E	3	200	100%
89A	1	800	90%
89A	3	500	100%
89B	1	1,400	100%
89B	3	800	100%
90A	1	850	100%
90A	3	800	100%
90B	1	1,800	100%
90B	3	1,600	100%
91A	1	700	100%
91A	2	100	100%
91A	3	450	100%
91B	1	700	100%
91B	2	150	100%
91B	3	650	100%
92A	1	350	100%
92A	2	250	100%
92A	3	300	100%
92B	1	900	100%
92B	2	700	100%
92B	3	650	100%

Last year's Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Draw Results continued

WMU	Season	Quota	% chance first choice
92C	1	450	100%
92C	2	300	100%
92C	3	250	100%
92D	1	600	100%
92D	2	400	100%
92D	3	450	100%
93A	1	400	68%
93A	3	400	57%
93B	1	150	100%
93B	3	150	84%
94B	1	225	62%

Help us learn more about wild pigs in Ontario

Don't shoot wild pigs, report them!

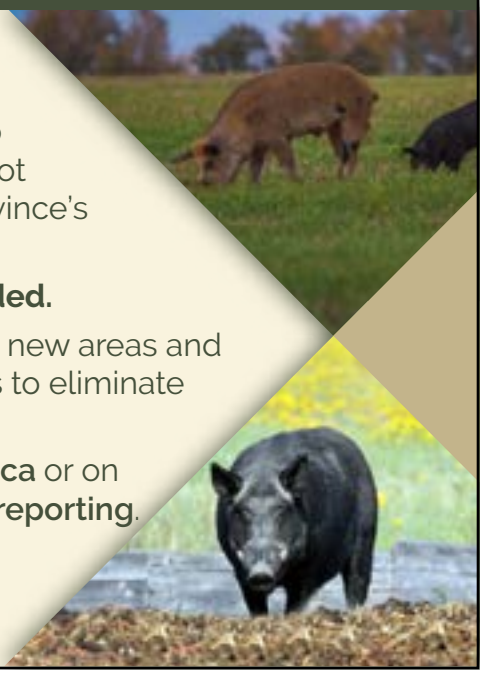
Invasive wild pigs (any pigs outside of a fence, including domestic pigs that have become wild or feral and ownership cannot be determined, Eurasian wild boar and hybrids) are not native to Ontario and can have a negative impact on the province's natural environment, native wildlife and habitats.

At this time, hunting wild pigs in Ontario is not recommended.

Wild pigs that are exposed to hunting pressure disperse into new areas and learn quickly to avoid humans, which can make future efforts to eliminate invasive wild pigs in the province harder.

Please help by reporting your sightings to **wildpigs@ontario.ca** or on iNaturalist: **www.inaturalist.org/projects/ontario-wild-pig-reporting**.

For more information visit: **www.ontario.ca/wildpigs**



Ontario

Cervid Family Comparison

Ontario has four different wild members of the cervid/deer family. You must have a valid licence and tag for the species you are hunting. There is no open season for caribou and a limited open season for elk, so you must be absolutely certain that the animal you see is the right species, sex and age.

There are differences in the size, shape and colour of moose, white-tailed deer, elk and caribou.

Woodland Caribou (no open season)
Size: 1.0 to 1.2 m at the shoulders
Bull: 160 to 210 kg
Cow: 110 to 150 kg

Elk (limited open season for residents)
Size: 1.2 to 1.5 m at the shoulders
Bull: average 354 kg
Cow: 227 to 239 kg

Moose
Size: 1.5 to 1.8 m at the shoulders
Bull: 400 to 545 kg
Cow: 375 to 535 kg

White-Tailed Deer
Size: 0.9 to 1.1 m at the shoulders
Adult buck: 45 to 136 kg
Adult doe: 39 to 60 kg

Moose

Moose Seasons

Adult Moose – Rifles, Shotguns, Muzzle-loading Guns and Bows

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident – Open Season	Non-Resident – Open Season
1A, 1C, 1D, 16A, 16B, 16C, 17, 25	September 19 to December 15	September 21 to November 15
2, 3, 4, 18A, 18B	October 10 to December 15	October 12 to November 15
5, 6, 7B, 8, 9A, 9B, 11A, 11B, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 19, 21A, 21B	October 17 to December 15	October 19 to November 15
22, 23, 28, 29, 30-36, 38, 39	October 17 to November 15	October 19 to November 15
24, 27	October 10 to November 15	October 12 to November 15
26	September 19 to October 31	September 21 to October 31

Note: The hunting of predominantly white-coloured moose (over 50 percent white) is not permitted in WMUs 30 and 31.

Adult and Calf Moose – Rifles, Shotguns, Muzzle-loading Guns and Bows

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident – Open Season	Non-Resident – Open Season
1A, 1C, 1D, 2-6, 7A*, 7B, 8, 9A, 9B, 11A, 11B, 12-19, 21-25, 27-36, 38, 39	October 24 to November 6	October 24 to November 6
26	October 24 to October 31	October 24 to October 31
37, 40-42	October 17 to November 15	October 19 to November 15
46-50, 53-63	October 24 to October 30	None

* Only bows and muzzle-loading guns are permitted for moose hunting in WMU 7A.

Moose

Adult Moose – Muzzle-loading Guns and Bows Only

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident – Open Season	Non-Resident – Open Season
7A	October 17 to December 15	October 19 to November 15
18B	September 19 to October 9	September 19 to October 9

Adult Moose – Bows Only

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident – Open Season	Non-Resident – Open Season
2-4, 18A, 24, 27	September 19 to October 9	September 19 to October 9
5, 6, 7B, 8, 9A, 9B, 11A, 11B, 12-15, 19, 21-23, 28-33, 35, 36, 38, 39	September 26 to October 16	September 26 to October 16

Adult and Calf Moose – Bows Only

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident – Open Season	Non-Resident – Open Season
37, 40-42	September 26 to October 16	September 26 to October 16
46-50, 53-63	October 3 to October 9	None

Moose Hunts with Controlled Hunter Numbers

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident – Open Season	Non-Resident – Open Season
11B*	September 26 to October 16	None
65*	October 5 to October 7	None
65	October 8 to October 14	None

* Indicates moose season for hunters who have a lower limb disability. For WMU 11B, only adult moose may be hunted and only rifles, shotguns and muzzle-loading guns are permitted. For WMU 65, both adult and calf moose may be hunted and only bows are permitted.

WMU 65 – only bows are permitted. Adult and calf moose may be hunted. No dogs. Any hunter wishing to hunt moose in WMU 65 is required to obtain written landowner permission. Hunters must have a tag specifically validated for WMU 65 or have a partner permit that is associated with the hunter who has a tag validated for WMU 65. Contact Kemptville District office at (613) 258-8204 for additional details.

Moose

Moose Hunting Requirements

Anyone wishing to hunt moose in Ontario must have the following:

- Outdoors Card
- Moose Licence listed on your Licence Summary
- Moose Tag (validated for the appropriate season/firearm, area, and type of moose), OR be party hunting with a person who has a valid Moose Tag, and
- Proof of firearms accreditation if you are hunting with a gun.

If you are hunting using the services and accommodations provided by a moose tourist outfitter, you will also be required to have a Moose Validation Certificate provided by that outfitter, to validate your tag.

NEW for 2020

Calf tag quotas have been added in WMUs 37, 40, 41, 42, and 47. This is in addition to WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57 that currently have calf tag quotas. All calf tags for these 9 WMUs will be issued through the draw and will be valid for the full length of the bow and gun seasons. There is now a 7-day bow hunting season for adult and calf moose in southern Ontario WMUs (see season tables). All WMUs with separate bow and gun seasons now have separate bow and gun quotas.

Moose Hunting Regulations

Tagging and Transporting

See the Tag section (p.19) for details on tagging and transporting. Additional information on shipping and exporting can be found in the General Regulations section (p.34).

Mandatory Hunter Reporting

See the Hunter Reporting Requirements section (p.22) for details on timelines and how to submit your report.

Firearms

Big game, including moose, may only be hunted with a firearm (includes bows). When hunting moose, you may only use or carry a firearm of the type (rifle, shotgun, bow or muzzle-loading gun) permitted for hunting moose at that time in that WMU. Specifications on the firearms, bows, bolts and arrows that are permitted when hunting moose are found in the General Regulations section (p.26).

Party Hunting for Moose

Party hunting is permitted during the open season for moose under a set of specific conditions. The list of conditions is listed in the General Regulations section (p.30).

Opportunities for Moose Hunters with Lower Limb Disabilities

Hunters with disabilities may apply for a moose tag in any WMU, however there are two WMUs (11B and 65) that offer seasons specifically for resident moose hunters with lower limb disabilities. Hunters who qualify for these seasons are:

- A person who is paraplegic or hemiplegic
- A person who has a single, above the knee, lower limb amputation, or a double, below the waist amputation.
- A person who has a severe disability and cannot hunt without the use of a wheelchair (or similar means of locomotion). These cases require a medical certificate.

Qualified hunters wishing to take part, should apply to the regular draw for a moose tag. Hunters who qualify to apply to these seasons have the same odds of receiving an adult moose tag in these WMUs as any other hunter, there is no separate quota.

For more information regarding WMU 11B, please contact the Thunder Bay District office at 807-475-1471. For more information regarding WMU 65, please contact the Kemptville District office at 613-258-8204.

Moose Draw

In order to receive a moose tag to hunt for an adult moose (or a calf moose in WMUs 37, 40, 41, 42, 47, 48, 55A, 55B, or 57), resident hunters must apply to the moose draw. The draw is computerized and run each year to distribute available hunting opportunities. The number of tags available in a given WMU is related to the number of moose that can be harvested sustainably.

For instructions on how to apply, refer to the How to Apply to a Big Game Draw section (p.36). Moose draw applicants are either in Pool 1 (preferred pool) or Pool 2. You are in Pool 1 if you applied to last year's draw but did not draw an adult tag, or you transferred your tag to the designated group alternate. You are in Pool 2 if you received an adult tag through last year's draw, received a tag through a transfer or if you did not apply to last year's draw. If you do not want to draw a tag, but want to ensure you are in Pool 1 next year, you can apply to WMU 99Z. This is not a real WMU so you will not be issued a tag.

It is to each hunter's advantage to understand how moose tags are allocated through the draw. There are generally five steps in the draw process:

1. Guaranteed Group Allocation
2. Large Group Allocation
3. Random Draw
4. Northern Resident Allocation
5. Surplus Moose Tags

Separate draws are run for each quota. Tags issued through the draw are specific to particular seasons/firearm types. Hunters should ensure they apply to the draw using the correct Hunt Code for their WMU, moose type (bull or cow) and firearm type (gun or bow).

If the number of applicants is very high relative to tags available, then the Guaranteed Group Allocation step and sometimes the Large Group Allocation step are bypassed. When this happens all applicants have the same chance of success in the Random Draw step. Applying in a group is still beneficial as each group member increases the chance of the group drawing a tag, as well as allowing the most hunters in the group to maintain their Pool 1 status for the following year.

Note: Although most tags are issued to Pool 1, Choice 1 applicants, tags can be drawn through Pool 1, Choice 2 or by Pool 2 applicants where Pool 1, Choice 1 draw success is 100%.

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Step One: Guaranteed Group Allocation

Each group meeting the Guaranteed Group Size requirement (valid applications from a group with enough Pool 1 hunters to meet or exceed the Pool 1, Choice 1 Guaranteed Group Size) is allocated one tag based on the choice selected by the group. The tag is assigned to the Pool 1 member of the group who has consistently applied and gone the longest number of years without receiving a tag in the draw. All the members of these "guaranteed groups" are then removed from the draw.

Step Two: Large Group Allocation

This step calculates the number of remaining applicants left in the draw and compares it to the number of tags still available (called the Hunter to Tag Ratio). Each group whose number of Pool 1 applicants is equal to or greater than the Hunter to Tag Ratio is issued one tag. For example, if there are 600 hunters left and 104 tags available, the Hunter to Tag Ratio is 5.8. All groups with six or more Pool 1 hunters would be issued a tag. The tag is assigned to the group in the same manner as described in step 1. All members of these successful "large groups" are then removed from the draw.

Step Three: Random Draw

All remaining Pool 1 applicants (whether applying as a group member or as an individual) who have selected the WMU and type of moose as their first choice, are eligible to be drawn to receive one of the remaining tags at this step. If a tag is allocated to a member of a group at this stage, the rest of the group members are removed from the draw. In most WMUs, only hunters in Pool 1, Choice 1 will have a chance to receive a tag through the draw. However, if there are still tags available, step two (Large Group Allocation) and step three (Random Draw) are repeated for Pool 1, Choice 2 hunters, then Pool 2, Choice 1 hunters and Pool 2, Choice 2 hunters.

Step Four: Northern Resident Draw

This step only exists in northern Ontario WMUs (1-42). Five percent of the adult quota is held back from the regular draw quota for northern residents who were unsuccessful or a member of a group that was unsuccessful in the current year's draw and the previous two annual draws. The northern resident draw is a separate random draw with no group allocation and no tag transfers.

Note: Northern residents who are successful in the northern resident moose draw must complete an attestation statement online or in-person at a participating ServiceOntario or licence issuer.

Step Five: Surplus Moose Tags

Some WMUs may still have tags available that have not been allocated after the draw. These tags are considered "surplus tags", and are available to hunters that were not successful in receiving a tag through the draw. If a hunter is successful in receiving a surplus tag using this approach, the hunter will remain in Pool 1 for the next year's draw. If a designated alternate of a group receives a surplus tag, this alternate is no longer eligible to receive a tag through a tag transfer process.

Note: Surplus tags are allocated on a first come, first served basis from August 10-12 by calling 1-800-363-3730. The phone line will open August 10 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on August 11 and 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Moose Tag Transfers

Any hunter who has applied to the draw as an individual is not permitted to transfer their moose tag to another hunter.

A transfer of a moose tag can only occur within a group of hunters that applied to the draw as a group.

Groups are permitted one automatic transfer each year. The tag recipient may only transfer the tag to the designated alternate in the group. The designated alternate will be the person who has entered the draw consecutively and gone the second longest without receiving a tag.

You can complete automatic tag transfers yourself by accessing your account in the Fish and Wildlife Licensing Service from August 1 to 17 or by visiting a participating ServiceOntario. Beginning August 18, tag transfers can only be completed at a participating ServiceOntario with an application, and the return of the original moose tag if it has been printed from the Fish and Wildlife Licensing Service. After the season opens, the transfer of a moose tag will only be considered under specific circumstances, with the required documentation.

Making moose tag allocation fairer for hunters –Improvements coming in 2021

Starting in 2021, moose tags will be distributed to resident hunters based on the new points-based process, which will allocate most tags to hunters who have been unsuccessful for the most years since their last tag.

Instead of requiring all draw applicants to purchase a licence, there will be a $15 application fee, a reduced $35 licence fee, and tag fees of $30 for calf tags, $150 for cow/calf tags and $200 for bull tags. These prices reflect hunter demand and ensure continued support for the management of this valuable resource. Tag fees are only payable if you are awarded a tag in the allocation process and you choose to claim it. This approach will reduce costs for unsuccessful applicants and is likely to cost most hunters about the same averaged over time.

There will no longer be group applications. Each applicant will be considered based on the number of points they have accumulated over time. Hunters who are successful in getting a tag will still be able to party hunt with others who have a moose licence.

The new tag allocation process will allow hunters to select the type of tag they wish to use their points on, as well as allowing hunters to access lower demand tags (e.g. some calf tags) without requiring a hunter to forfeit their points (i.e. these would be tags that no one applied for using their points). Hunters claiming these tags will not have their points reset to zero and will gain a point.

A moose licence will continue to be required to hunt moose but will no longer include a calf tag. This change will enable someone who did not receive a tag to party hunt with another hunter who holds a moose tag. Calf tag quotas will be implemented in all WMUs with a moose season and the calf season will be extended to the full length of the moose hunting seasons. These calf tags will be valid in a specific WMU and will be allocated through the points-based process.

Plan now with your hunting party to maximize your chances at being allocated a moose tag in 2021. For more information on the new points-based process visit ontario.ca/moose.

Once the original moose tag recipient transfers the tag to the designated alternate, the tag cannot be transferred back to the original recipient or to anyone else except in extenuating circumstances approved by the MNRF.

A hunter who receives a moose tag through a transfer will be placed in Pool 2 the following year. A hunter who has transferred a tag to another group member will remain in Pool 1 in the following year's draw.

Moose tags can only be transferred to a Pool 2 hunter if the tag is for a WMU where a Pool 2 hunter had a chance to receive a tag in the draw.

Consecutive tag transfers are not permitted. Once you have transferred a tag, you will not be permitted to transfer another tag until you accept a tag that is issued to you either through the draw or through a transfer.

Non-Resident Moose Hunting Regulations

Non-residents are generally only permitted to hunt moose in Ontario as a registered guest of a moose tourist outfitter (see exceptions below). In these cases, the non-resident must be issued a Moose Validation Certificate to validate their moose licence and tag to hunt and be accommodated as a registered guest by a particular moose tourist outfitter. Non-residents must carry their Moose Validation Certificate with them while moose hunting (in addition to their Outdoors Card, moose licence and tag). Non-residents are required to have hunter accreditation that is recognized by Ontario – Hunting Licence Information section (p.16) for more details.

Note: You must have a valid Outdoors Card before a moose tourist outfitter can request a Moose Validation Certificate on your behalf.

Non-residents must employ one licensed guide for each two hunters when hunting moose in the Territorial District of Rainy River. WMUs with moose hunting seasons in the Territorial District of Rainy River are: 9B, 11A and parts of 7B and 12B.

Exceptions for non-resident moose hunters:

- Non-residents are permitted to hunt moose with an immediate relative who is an Ontario resident licensed to hunt moose in a WMU that has an open season for non-residents. An immediate relative is a person's grandparent, parent, spouse, child, step-child, sibling or grandchild. An attestation statement verifying the immediate relative relationship must be completed and submitted online or in-person at a participating ServiceOntario or licence issuer by May 31. If you qualify under this exception, you may apply in the resident moose tag draw.
- Non-residents are permitted to hunt moose if they own land in a WMU that has an open season for non-residents (except in WMUs 7B, 9B, 11A, 11B, 12B, 13 and 14, where non-resident landowners are required to hunt through a tourist outfitter). Non-resident landowners are eligible to apply for a calf tag through the Fish and Wildlife Licensing Service, a participating ServiceOntario, or a licence issuer. Non-resident landowners are not eligible to apply to the moose draw. Non-residents who qualify under this exception must complete an attestation statement online or in person at a participating ServiceOntario or licence issuer. Where a property is owned by more than one person or by a corporation, only one calf tag will be issued. The calf tag is only valid in the WMU that is indicated on the tag (i.e., the WMU that contains the property).

Note: Starting in 2021, non-resident landowners and immediate relatives of Ontario residents will only be able to acquire their own tag to hunt moose by purchasing a hunt from a tourist outfitter. A non-resident who is an immediate relative of an Ontario resident who holds a moose tag may purchase a non-resident moose hunting licence to party hunt with their relative during an open non-resident season.

Last year's Moose Draw Provincial Summary

General Draw Statistics

- Total tags available: 10,037
- Total applicants entered in the draw: 79,777
- Total successful applicants: 9,254

Tags Available

- Gun Bull: 3,953
- Gun Cow: 4,099
- Gun Calf: 98
- Bow Bull: 559
- Bow Cow: 1,178
- Bow Calf: 150
- Total: 10,037

Group Statistics

- Total number of hunters applying in groups: 40,358
- Total number of groups: 7,467
- Total tags issued to groups: 4,060
- Percentage of groups receiving tags: 54%

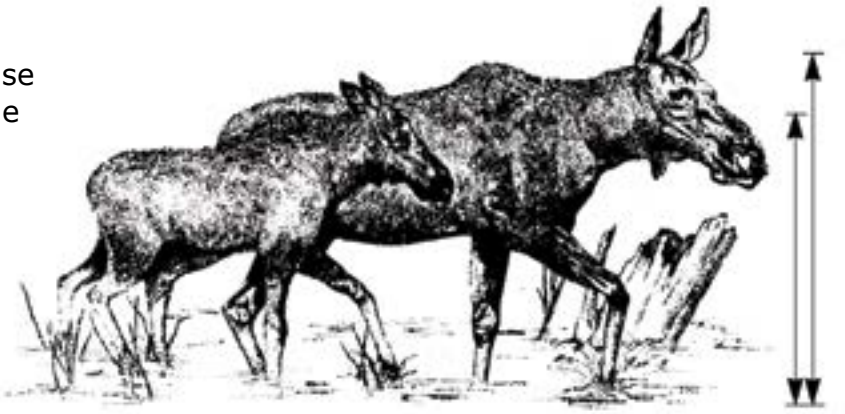
Individual Statistics

- Total number of hunters applying as individuals: 39,419
- Total tags issued to individuals: 4,957
- Percentage of individuals receiving tags: 13%

How can you tell the difference between a calf and a cow moose?

A calf moose is a moose that is less than one year old at the time of the hunt.

An adult moose (cow or bull) is a moose that is at least one year old at the time of the hunt.



Short face
Calf moose appear to have a small nose and a "short face"

Seldom alone
Calf moose are seldom alone

Body proportions
Calf moose appear to have more leg than body and their hindquarters appear slender

Shoulder height
Shoulder height of cow moose is 2 m (6 ft., 7 in.) and of calf moose is 1.3 m (4 ft., 3 in.)

Moose – Gun Tags available for this year

Note: WMUs not listed do not have a quota.

WMU	Bull Tags	Cow Tags	Calf Tags	Total
1A	25	20	N/A	45
1C	250	100	N/A	350
1D	48	40	N/A	88
2	72	105	N/A	177
3	153	225	N/A	378
4	113	132	N/A	245
5	64	93	N/A	157
6	0	1	N/A	1
7B	1	0	N/A	1
8	6	6	N/A	12
9A	8	9	N/A	17
9B	8	13	N/A	21
11A	12	7	N/A	19
11B	15	12	N/A	27
12A	28	20	N/A	48
12B	91	72	N/A	163
13	18	21	N/A	39
14	13	17	N/A	30
15A	62	57	N/A	119
15B	339	410	N/A	749
16A	125	85	N/A	210
16B	115	282	N/A	397
16C	79	75	N/A	154
17	65	229	N/A	294
18A	200	150	N/A	350
18B	85	160	N/A	245
19	184	119	N/A	303
21A	278	486	N/A	764
21B	131	169	N/A	300
22	29	30	N/A	59
23	66	59	N/A	125
24	144	109	N/A	253
25	53	42	N/A	95

WMU	Bull Tags	Cow Tags	Calf Tags	Total
26	26	37	N/A	63
27	93	114	N/A	207
28	89	73	N/A	162
29	11	27	N/A	38
30	7	8	N/A	15
31	45	32	N/A	77
32	37	36	N/A	73
33	11	12	N/A	23
34	17	17	N/A	34
35	17	16	N/A	33
36	2	3	N/A	5
37	16	7	27	50
38	18	15	N/A	33
39	21	15	N/A	36
40	23	9	43	75
41	26	20	73	119
42	26	9	67	102
46	36	21	N/A	57
47	21	26	53	100
48	14	8	23	45
49	26	10	N/A	36
50	10	9	N/A	19
53	53	33	N/A	86
54	40	11	N/A	51
55A	13	4	7	24
55B	3	4	3	10
56	49	20	N/A	69
57	22	9	23	54
60	47	24	N/A	71
61	36	15	N/A	51
62	2	2	N/A	4
63	30	10	N/A	40
Total	**3,767**	**4,011**	**319**	**8,097**

Moose – Bow Tags available for this year

WMUs not listed do not have a quota.

WMU	Bull Tags	Cow Tags	Calf Tags	Total
2	42	50	N/A	92
3	17	50	N/A	67
4	27	46	N/A	73
5	13	30	N/A	43
7A ^	1	0	N/A	1
8	2	0	N/A	2
9A	2	0	N/A	2
9B	4	10	N/A	14
11A	2	10	N/A	12
11B	5	10	N/A	15
12A	7	10	N/A	17
12B	12	40	N/A	52
13	5	0	N/A	5
14	8	36	N/A	44
15A	31	80	N/A	111
15B	24	80	N/A	104
18A	33	40	N/A	73
18B^	7	20	N/A	27
19	100	110	N/A	210
21A	21	40	N/A	61
21B	32	80	N/A	112
22	9	20	N/A	29
23	20	80	N/A	100
24	81	130	N/A	211
27	13	33	N/A	46
28	12	27	N/A	39
29	14	40	N/A	54
30	3	0	N/A	3
31	10	13	N/A	23
32	5	13	N/A	18

WMU	Bull Tags	Cow Tags	Calf Tags	Total
33	3	7	N/A	10
35	3	7	N/A	10
36	3	0	N/A	3
37	3	1	N/A	4
38	6	6	N/A	12
39	5	7	N/A	12
40	3	7	N/A	10
41	8	7	N/A	15
42	5	7	N/A	12
46	5	7	N/A	12
47	3	7	N/A	10
48	26	30	N/A	56
49	3	7	N/A	10
50	3	0	N/A	3
53	7	7	N/A	14
54	3	7	N/A	10
55A	7	0	N/A	7
55B	6	8	N/A	14
56	5	7	N/A	12
57	16	21	N/A	37
60	8	7	N/A	15
61	3	7	N/A	10
63	3	0	N/A	3
65	42	63	N/A	105
Total	**741**	**1,325**	**N/A**	**2,066**

^ For these WMUs, tags are for the muzzle-loading guns and bows only season.

Calf tags issued through the draw are valid in both the gun and bows only seasons.

Moose – Gun Guaranteed Group Size

WMUs not listed either do not have a guaranteed group size or do not have a quota.

This year's Guaranteed Group Size (Pool 1, Choice 1)

WMU	Bull Tags	Cow Tags	Calf Tags
1A	2	2	N/A
1C	3	3	N/A
1D	2	2	N/A
2	5	4	N/A
3	7	5	N/A
4	7	5	N/A
5	13	9	N/A
8	none	9	N/A
9A	none	9	N/A
9B	13	9	N/A
11A	13	9	N/A
11B	none	15	N/A
12A	13	9	N/A
12B	13	9	N/A
14	10	6	N/A
15A	14	9	N/A
15B	8	6	N/A
16A	5	4	N/A

WMU	Bull Tags	Cow Tags	Calf Tags
16B	7	5	N/A
16C	7	5	N/A
17	7	5	N/A
18A	7	5	N/A
18B	7	5	N/A
19	8	6	N/A
21A	8	6	N/A
21B	none	8	N/A
22	none	13	N/A
23	12	8	N/A
24	11	8	N/A
25	5	2	N/A
26	none	14	N/A
27	none	10	N/A

Note: Maximum group size is 15 hunters.

Last year, all groups of this size and larger were issued gun tags (Pool 1, Choice 1)

WMU	Bull Tags	Cow Tags	Calf Tags
1A	2+	2+	N/A
1C	2+	2+	N/A
1D	2+	2+	N/A
2	2+	2+	N/A
3	3+	2+	N/A
4	5+	2+	N/A
5	11+	4+	N/A
6	no quota	none	N/A
7B	none	no quota	N/A
8	none	none	N/A
9A	none	none	N/A
9B	none	8+	N/A
11A	none	none	N/A
11B	none	8+	N/A
12A	12+	8+	N/A
12B	11+	6+	N/A
13	none	none	N/A
14	8+	3+	N/A
15A	11+	6+	N/A
15B	5+	2+	N/A
16A	2+	2+	N/A
16B	4+	2+	N/A
16C	5+	2+	N/A
17	6+	2+	N/A
18A	2+	2+	N/A
18B	2+	2+	N/A
19	4+	3+	N/A
21A	4+	2+	N/A
21B	8+	3+	N/A
22	10+	3+	N/A
23	10+	7+	N/A
24	9+	6+	N/A
25	3+	2+	N/A
26	none	12+	N/A
27*	11+	3+	N/A

WMU	Bull Tags	Cow Tags	Calf Tags
28*	none	14+	N/A
29	none	none	N/A
30*	none	none	N/A
31*	none	none	N/A
32*	13+	3+	N/A
33*	13+	3+	N/A
34	none	4+	N/A
35*	none	12+	N/A
36*	none	none	N/A
37*	none	none	N/A
38	none	none	N/A
39*	none	none	N/A
40*	none	none	N/A
41*	none	none	N/A
42*	none	no quota	N/A
46	15	5+	N/A
47	none	no quota	N/A
48	none	none	14+
49	none	none	N/A
50	none	none	N/A
53	12+	11+	N/A
54	7+	8+	N/A
55A	10+	6+	2+
55B	none	12+	2+
56	none	14+	N/A
57	none	none	2+
60	none	none	N/A
61	none	none	N/A
62	none	none	N/A
63	none	none	N/A

* For these WMUs, the group sizes apply to both gun and bow hunting parties.

Moose – Bow Hunting Guaranteed Group Size

WMUs not listed either do not have a guaranteed group size or do not have a quota.

This year's Guaranteed Group Size (Pool 1, Choice 1)

WMU	Bull Tags	Cow Tags	Calf Tags
2	5	2	N/A
3	7	2	N/A
4	7	2	N/A
5	13	3	N/A
9B	none	3	N/A
11A	none	3	N/A
11B	13	3	N/A
12A	13	3	N/A
12B	none	3	N/A
14	13	3	N/A
15A	11	2	N/A
15B	11	2	N/A
18A	9	2	N/A
18B^	none	4	N/A
19	9	2	N/A
21A	none	2	N/A
21B	none	2	N/A
22	none	2	N/A
23	none	2	N/A
24	7	2	N/A

Note: Maximum group size is 15 hunters.

Last year, all groups of this size and larger were issued bow tags

WMU	Bull Tags	Cow Tags	Calf Tags
2	3+	2+	N/A
3	5+	2+	N/A
4	9+	2+	N/A
5	12+	2+	N/A
6	no quota	no quota	N/A
7A ^	no quota	no quota	N/A
7B	no quota	no quota	N/A
8	6+	no quota	N/A
9A	8+	no quota	N/A
9B	11+	2+	N/A
11A	11+	2+	N/A
11B	13+	2+	N/A
12A	11+	2+	N/A
12B	12+	2+	N/A
13	13+	2+	N/A
14	10+	2+	N/A
15A	10+	2+	N/A
15B	12+	2+	N/A
18A	9+	2+	N/A
18B ^	12+	2+	N/A
19	6+	2+	N/A
21A	10+	2+	N/A
21B	10+	2+	N/A
22	10+	2+	N/A
23	9+	2+	N/A
24	6+	2+	N/A
29	none	3+	N/A
38	none	5+	N/A
48	none	5+	2+
55A	9+	2+	2+
55B	9+	2+	2+
57	10+	2+	2+
65	none	2+	N/A

^ For these WMUs, tags are for the muzzle-loading guns and bows only season.

Gun Season– Moose Draw Hunt Codes

WMU	Type	Hunt Code
1A	Bull	500
1A	Cow	501
1C	Bull	502
1C	Cow	503
1D	Bull	504
1D	Cow	505
2	Bull	506
2	Cow	507
3	Bull	510
3	Cow	511
4	Bull	514
4	Cow	515
5	Bull	518
5	Cow	519
6	Cow	523
7B	Bull	527
8	Bull	530
8	Cow	531
9A	Bull	534
9A	Cow	535
9B	Bull	537
9B	Cow	538
11A	Bull	541
11A	Cow	542
11B	Bull	545
11B	Cow	546
12A	Bull	549
12A	Cow	550
12B	Bull	553
12B	Cow	554
13	Bull	557
13	Cow	558
14	Bull	561
14	Cow	562
15A	Bull	565
15A	Cow	566

WMU	Type	Hunt Code
15B	Bull	569
15B	Cow	570
16A	Bull	573
16A	Cow	574
16B	Bull	575
16B	Cow	576
16C	Bull	577
16C	Cow	578
17	Bull	579
17	Cow	580
18A	Bull	581
18A	Cow	582
18B	Bull	585
18B	Cow	586
19	Bull	589
19	Cow	590
21A	Bull	593
21A	Cow	594
21B	Bull	597
21B	Cow	598
22	Bull	601
22	Cow	602
23	Bull	605
23	Cow	606
24	Bull	609
24	Cow	610
25	Bull	613
25	Cow	614
26	Bull	615
26	Cow	616
27	Bull	617
27	Cow	618
28	Bull	621
28	Cow	622
29	Bull	625
29	Cow	626

WMU	Type	Hunt Code
30	Bull	629
30	Cow	630
31	Bull	633
31	Cow	634
32	Bull	637
32	Cow	638
33	Bull	641
33	Cow	642
34	Bull	645
34	Cow	646
35	Bull	647
35	Cow	648
36	Bull	651
36	Cow	652
37	Bull	655
37	Cow	656
37	Calf	657
38	Bull	660
38	Cow	661
39	Bull	664
39	Cow	665
40	Bull	668
40	Cow	669
40	Calf	670
41	Bull	673
41	Cow	674
41	Calf	675
42	Bull	678
42	Cow	679
42	Calf	680
46	Bull	683
46	Cow	684
47	Bull	687
47	Cow	688
47	Calf	689

Gun Season– Moose Draw Hunt Codes continued

WMU	Type	Hunt Code
48	Bull	692
48	Cow	693
48	Calf	694
49	Bull	697
49	Cow	698
50	Bull	701
50	Cow	702
53	Bull	705
53	Cow	706
54	Bull	709

WMU	Type	Hunt Code
54	Cow	710
55A	Bull	713
55A	Cow	714
55A	Calf	715
55B	Bull	718
55B	Cow	719
55B	Calf	720
56	Bull	723
56	Cow	724
57	Bull	727

WMU	Type	Hunt Code
57	Cow	728
57	Calf	729
60	Bull	732
60	Cow	733
61	Bull	736
61	Cow	737
62	Bull	740
62	Cow	741
63	Bull	744
63	Cow	745

Muzzle-loading Guns and Bows Only – Moose Draw Hunt Codes

WMU	Type	Hunt Code
7A	Bull	525
18B	Bull	587
18B	Cow	588

Note: Gun Season refers to seasons that allow the use of rifles, shotguns, muzzle-loading guns and bows. Bow Only Season refers to seasons that only allow the use of bows. Calf tags issued through the draw are valid in both the gun and bows only seasons.

Your Responsibility as Waterfowl Hunters

- Phragmites is a regulated species in Ontario that is illegal to deposit or release.
- You also cannot bring Phragmites into a Provincial Park or Conservation Reserve, or possess or transport it into these areas.
- To prevent spreading Phragmites, don't use Phragmites as blind material.

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Phragmites plants

Bow Only Season– Moose Draw Hunt Codes

WMU	Type	Hunt Code
2	Bull	508
2	Cow	509
3	Bull	512
3	Cow	513
4	Bull	516
4	Cow	517
5	Bull	520
5	Cow	521
8	Bull	532
9A	Bull	536
9B	Bull	539
9B	Cow	540
11A	Bull	543
11A	Cow	544
11B	Bull	547
11B	Cow	548
12A	Bull	551
12A	Cow	552
12B	Bull	555
12B	Cow	556
13	Bull	559
14	Bull	563
14	Cow	564
15A	Bull	567
15A	Cow	568
15B	Bull	571
15B	Cow	572
18A	Bull	583
18A	Cow	584
19	Bull	591
19	Cow	592
21A	Bull	595
21A	Cow	596

WMU	Type	Hunt Code
21B	Bull	599
21B	Cow	600
22	Bull	603
22	Cow	604
23	Bull	607
23	Cow	608
24	Bull	611
24	Cow	612
27	Bull	619
27	Cow	620
28	Bull	623
28	Cow	624
29	Bull	627
29	Cow	628
30	Bull	631
31	Bull	635
31	Cow	636
32	Bull	639
32	Cow	640
33	Bull	643
33	Cow	644
35	Bull	649
35	Cow	650
36	Bull	653
37	Bull	658
37	Cow	659
38	Bull	662
38	Cow	663
39	Bull	666
39	Cow	667
40	Bull	671
40	Cow	672
41	Bull	676

WMU	Type	Hunt Code
41	Cow	677
42	Bull	681
42	Cow	682
46	Bull	685
46	Cow	686
47	Bull	690
47	Cow	691
48	Bull	695
48	Cow	696
49	Bull	699
49	Cow	700
50	Bull	703
53	Bull	707
53	Cow	708
54	Bull	711
54	Cow	712
55A	Bull	716
55B	Bull	721
55B	Cow	722
56	Bull	725
56	Cow	726
57	Bull	730
57	Cow	731
60	Bull	734
60	Cow	735
61	Bull	738
61	Cow	739
63	Bull	746
65*	Bull	748
65*	Cow	749

* Only individual applications are accepted for WMU 65.

Note: Calf hunt codes are found in the Gun Season Hunt Codes table.

Last year's Bull Moose Gun Draw Results (Pool 1, Choice 1)

WMU	Quota	Applied	% success individual	% success group
1A	24	15	100%	100%
1C	285	100	100%	100%
1D	37	18	100%	100%
2	64	109	68%	100%
3	159	601	35%	88%
4	91	547	21%	82%
5	45	481	10%	41%
6	nil	nil	nil	nil
7B	1	14	13%	0%
8	6	93	7%	22%
9A	8	171	7%	0%
9B	7	84	8%	67%
11A	9	116	10%	46%
11B	12	210	5%	28%
12A	25	260	11%	54%
12B	85	897	11%	46%
13	16	382	4%	13%
14	13	102	20%	44%
15A	64	700	13%	54%
15B	293	1588	23%	71%
16A	143	120	100%	100%
16B	103	517	29%	89%
16C	29	149	26%	64%
17	56	318	23%	75%
18A	143	543	50%	100%
18B	55	98	56%	100%
19	133	722	29%	91%
21A	346	1412	34%	85%
21B	218	1793	14%	71%
22	39	393	14%	67%
23	52	532	11%	72%
24	130	1130	14%	61%
25	57	190	40%	95%

WMU	Quota	Applied	% success individual	% success group
26	10	292	8%	10%
27*	89	948	10%	47%
28*	85	2104	4%	21%
29	10	461	2%	13%
30*	10	627	2%	6%
31*	10	676	1%	9%
32*	49	597	10%	36%
33*	18	227	11%	42%
34	13	202	9%	38%
35*	17	518	3%	16%
36*	2	176	1%	10%
37*	6	250	2%	13%
38	17	713	3%	7%
39*	16	914	2%	5%
40*	9	755	1%	10%
41*	2	784	<1%	0%
42*	2	560	<1%	0%
46	32	462	7%	42%
47	1	729	<1%	0%
48	22	772	4%	4%
49	27	1965	1%	9%
50	44	1283	4%	17%
53	62	736	10%	40%
54	205	1640	18%	88%
55A	38	384	11%	55%
55B	8	135	8%	31%
56	68	1191	6%	30%
57	22	435	5%	26%
60	59	1552	4%	16%
61	44	1113	5%	15%
62	2	192	1%	0%
63	48	874	6%	27%

* For these WMUs, the statistics apply to both gun and bow hunting parties.

Last year's Cow Moose Gun Draw Results (Pool 1, Choice 1)

WMU	Quota	Applied	% success individual	% success group
1A	19	3	100%	100%
1C	190	19	100%	100%
1D	14	3	100%	100%
2	48	31	100%	100%
3	198	246	81%	100%
4	108	345	56%	100%
5	86	360	33%	92%
6	1	11	11%	0%
7B	nil	nil	nil	nil
8	5	29	21%	100%
9A	6	47	13%	67%
9B	9	72	16%	67%
11A	6	48	22%	33%
11B	14	110	17%	69%
12A	18	157	19%	71%
12B	67	435	22%	76%
13	21	275	8%	33%
14	12	41	31%	100%
15A	48	337	23%	83%
15B	410	968	84%	100%
16A	143	22	100%	100%
16B	166	110	100%	100%
16C	126	21	100%	100%
17	169	28	100%	100%
18A	109	183	60%	100%
18B	152	42	100%	100%
19	88	375	40%	96%
21A	523	519	100%	100%
21B	247	874	51%	93%
22	72	314	42%	96%
23	48	333	19%	83%
24	102	652	22%	84%
25	34	56	61%	100%

WMU	Quota	Applied	% success individual	% success group
26	14	160	3%	65%
27*	92	486	36%	93%
28*	69	910	8%	43%
29	19	357	7%	17%
30*	9	216	6%	8%
31*	12	244	6%	25%
32*	41	114	47%	89%
33*	30	125	79%	100%
34	24	129	32%	78%
35*	20	229	11%	32%
36*	3	71	0%	33%
37*	5	129	3%	29%
38	14	243	7%	23%
39*	9	197	6%	9%
40*	10	307	5%	11%
41*	1	231	1%	0%
42*	nil	nil	nil	nil
46	15	96	20%	91%
47	nil	nil	nil	nil
48	11	291	2%	24%
49	13	561	2%	15%
50	28	442	5%	40%
53	37	411	14%	57%
54	59	532	15%	85%
55A	14	71	19%	67%
55B	5	57	18%	9%
56	25	341	9%	28%
57	9	160	7%	22%
60	28	442	6%	23%
61	18	361	5%	22%
62	2	91	0%	20%
63	15	239	7%	0%

* For these WMUs, the statistics apply to both gun and bow hunting parties.

Last year's Bull Moose Bow Draw Results (Pool 1, Choice 1)

WMU	Quota	Applied	% success individual	% success group
2	13	45	57%	56%
3	15	72	25%	67%
4	11	116	5%	77%
5	4	48	4%	100%
7A^	1	2	50%	N/A
8	1	6	0%	100%
09A	1	8	13%	0%
09B	3	32	0%	60%
11A	2	21	0%	40%
11B	3	37	14%	67%
12A	5	59	10%	60%
12B	9	108	10%	43%
13	2	25	7%	25%
14	5	48	0%	56%
15A	23	237	13%	68%

WMU	Quota	Applied	% success individual	% success group
15B	17	199	8%	52%
18A	20	180	18%	52%
18B^	5	58	14%	29%
19	75	436	19%	73%
21A	18	193	11%	64%
21B	46	434	15%	58%
22	11	132	14%	24%
23	24	234	13%	60%
24	62	393	20%	85%
29	10	292	6%	15%
38	6	132	8%	14%
48	49	889	6%	27%
55A	21	174	12%	75%
55B	15	134	17%	65%
57	15	145	16%	26%
65	48	181	27%	N/A

Last year's Cow Moose Bow Draw Results (Pool 1, Choice 1)

WMU	Quota	Applied	% success individual	% success group
2	29	0	N/A	N/A
3	38	2	100%	N/A
4	16	1	100%	N/A
5	29	4	100%	100%
9B	10	0	N/A	N/A
11A	3	0	N/A	N/A
11B	6	0	N/A	N/A
12A	10	4	100%	100%
12B	24	14	100%	100%
13	6	14	50%	100%
14	13	8	100%	100%
15A	48	6	100%	100%
15B	57	3	100%	100%
18A	38	1	100%	N/A

WMU	Quota	Applied	% success individual	% success group
18B^	19	11	100%	100%
19	105	3	100%	100%
21A	29	10	100%	100%
21B	143	31	100%	100%
22	93	14	100%	100%
23	76	16	100%	100%
24	114	28	100%	100%
29	48	204	37%	92%
38	6	26	38%	60%
48	54	273	26%	84%
55A	25	26	96%	100%
55B	10	15	88%	100%
57	20	45	44%	100%
65	64	84	77%	100%

^ For these WMUs, tags are for the muzzle-loading guns and bows only season.

Last year's Calf Moose Gun Draw Results (Pool 1, Choice 1)

WMU	Quota	Applied	% success individual	% success group
48	8	109	8%	38%
55A	39	31	100%	100%
55B	10	6	100%	100%
57	41	98	51%	100%

Last year's Calf Moose Bow Draw Results (Pool 1, Choice 1)

WMU	Quota	Applied	% success individual	% success group
48	40	26	100%	100%
55A	50	8	100%	100%
55B	10	1	100%	N/A
57	50	10	100%	100%

% success individual - the percentage of hunters applying as individuals that drew a tag

% success group - the percentage of all groups that drew a tag

Note: Draw results do not include the Northern Resident Draw

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Elk

Elk Season

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident – Open Season
57, 58, 60-62, 63A	September 21 to October 4

Note: There is no open season for non-residents. Elk tags are valid for Harvest Areas, which are areas smaller than Wildlife Management Units. Hunt codes for Harvest Areas are provided in this section (p.76).

Elk Hunting Requirements

Anyone wishing to hunt elk in Ontario must have the following:

- Outdoors Card
- Elk Licence listed on your Licence Summary
- Elk Tag (for appropriate season, harvest area and type of elk) OR be party hunting with a person who has a valid elk tag in accordance with the modified party hunting rules for elk, and
- Proof of firearm accreditation if you are hunting with a gun.

For a chance to hunt elk, a resident hunter must apply to the draw for a tag and pay the draw application fee. No refund of application fees is granted to an applicant who is unsuccessful in the draw.

Elk Hunting Regulations

Tagging and Transporting

See the Tag section (p.19) for details on tagging and transporting. Additional information on shipping and exporting can be found in the General Regulations section (p.34).

Mandatory Hunter Reporting

See the Hunter Reporting Requirements section (p.22) for details on timelines and how to submit your report.

Firearms

Big game, including elk, may only be hunted with a firearm (this includes bows). Specifications on the firearms, bows, bolts and arrows that are permitted when hunting elk can be found in the General Regulations section (p.26).

Modified Party Hunting for Elk

Party hunting rules are listed in the General Regulations section (p.30). Additional party hunting rules apply for elk, which include:

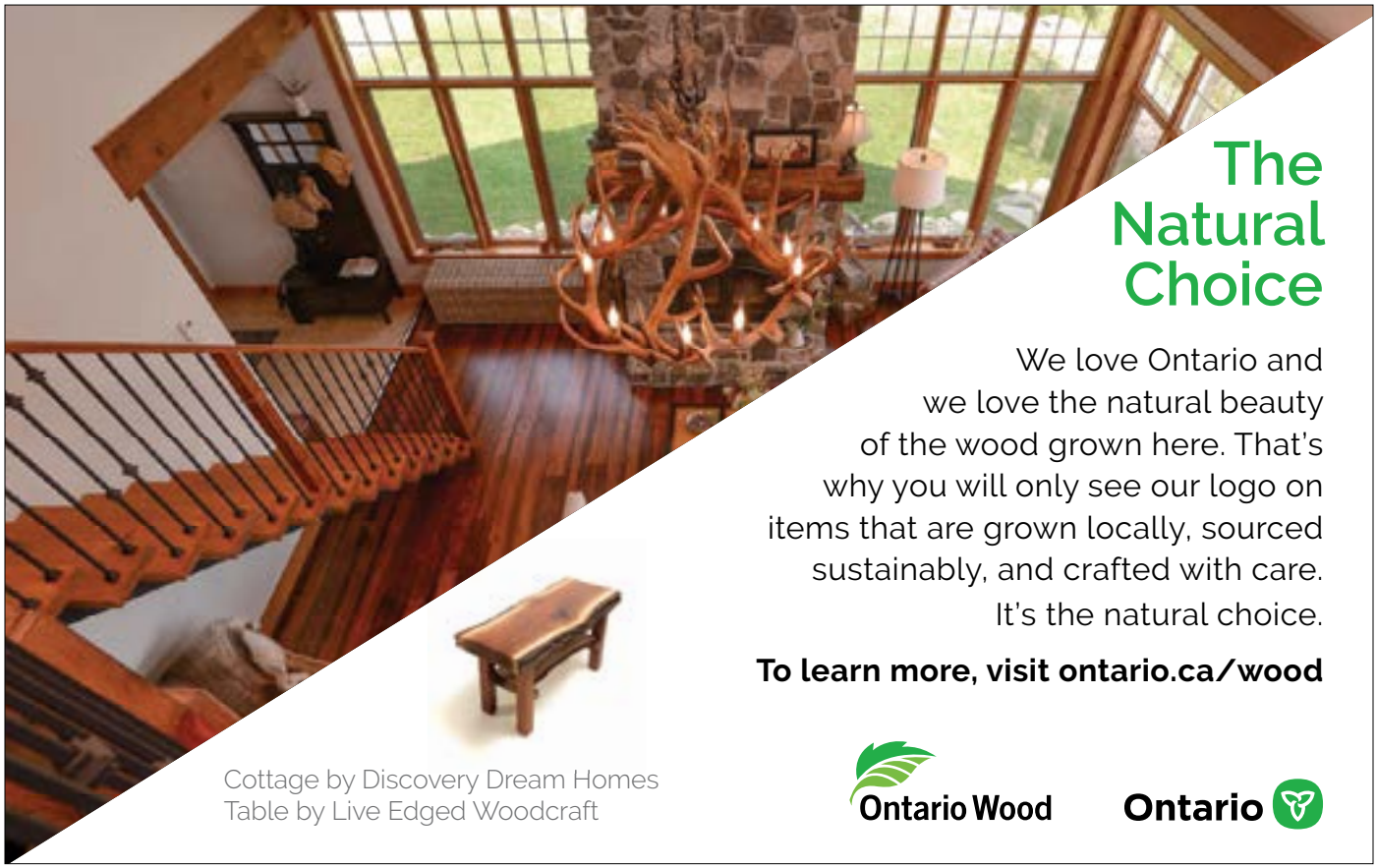
- A person may only party hunt with the holder of an elk tag if they are part of the tag holder's hunting group, with the validation number listed on their licence. Hunters wishing to party hunt for elk must apply to the elk draw as a group and list all members on the same application.
- Party hunting for elk is limited to a maximum of four hunters (including the tag holder, but not including apprentice hunters).
- Multiple parties may not hunt cooperatively.

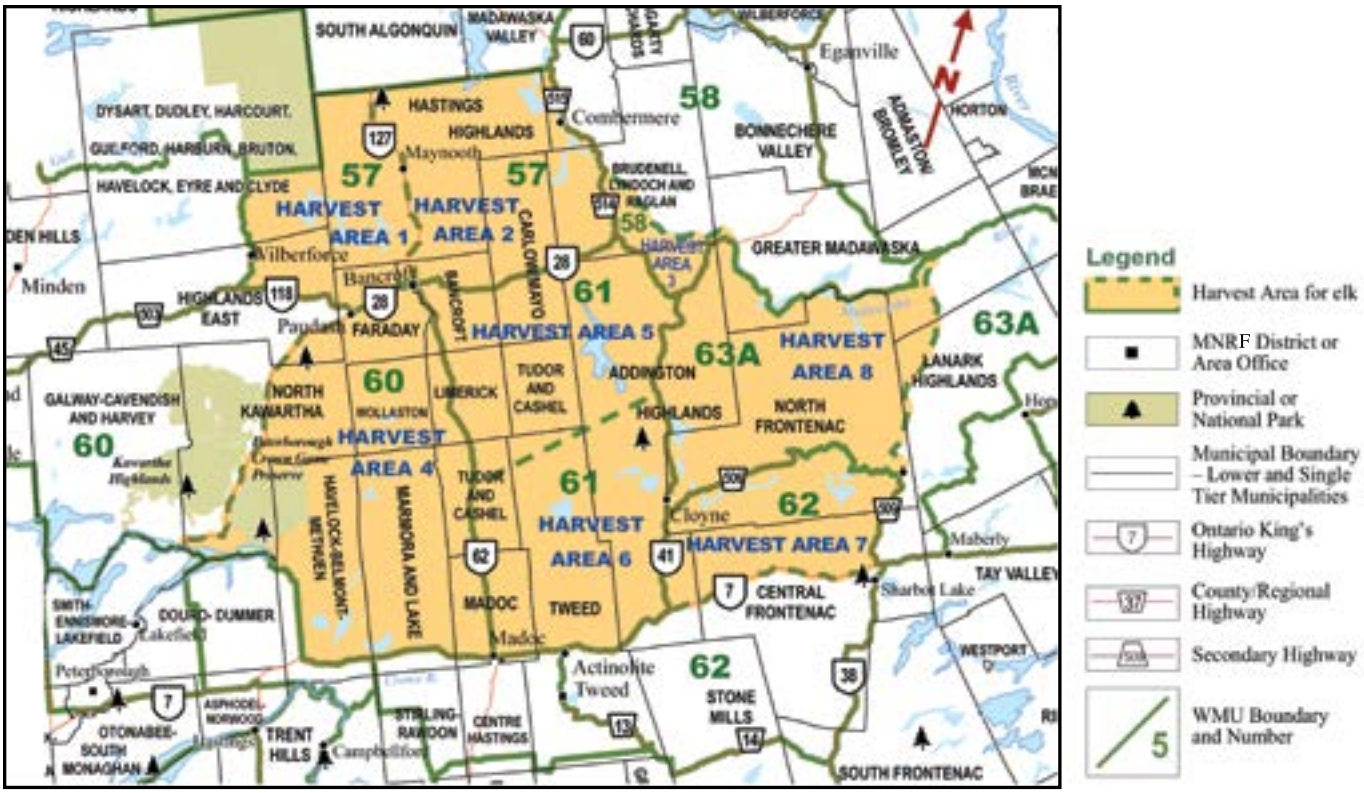
Dogs

Dogs may not be used to hunt elk. Dogs may be used to track an elk that has been wounded during a lawful hunt. Refer to the General Regulations section (p.31) for more details.

Elk Hunting on Private Property

If you wish to hunt elk on private land, you must carry your valid elk licence and the written consent of the landowner on the form provided by the MNRF. Forms are available for download online at ontario.ca/page/apply-hunt-elk.





Harvest Areas, Hunt Codes and Tag Quotas for Elk Draw

For the purposes of harvest management, elk tags are valid for areas smaller than a WMU, referred to as Harvest Areas. For a chance to hunt elk, you must apply to the elk draw for a tag and pay the draw application fee. For further instructions on how to apply to the Elk draw, refer to the How to Apply to Big Game Draws section (p.36).

Note: Hunters who are successful in the elk draw and are issued an elk tag are not eligible to receive another elk tag in their name for five years, but may continue to be listed as a member of a group and party hunt for elk during this time.

Harvest Area 1: The part of WMU 57 west of a line formed by highway 62 south of Maynooth and highway 127 north of Maynooth.
- Hunt Code: 100
- Bull Tag Quota: 1
- Cow Tag Quota: 1

Harvest Area 2: The part of WMU 57 east of a line formed by highway 62 south of Maynooth and highway 127 north of Maynooth.
- Hunt Code: 101
- Bull Tag Quota: 2
- Cow Tag Quota: 2

Harvest Area 3: The part of WMU 58 south and west of the Madawaska River.
- Hunt Code: 110
- Bull Tag Quota: 1
- Cow Tag Quota: 1

Harvest Area 4: The part of WMU 60 east of highway 28.
- Hunt Code: 120
- Bull Tag Quota: 1
- Cow Tag Quota: 1

Harvest Area 5: The part of WMU 61 north of the northern edge of the Hydro One transmission line running through Tudor, Grimsthorpe and Effingham Townships.
- Hunt Code: 130
- Bull Tag Quota: 2
- Cow Tag Quota: 2

Harvest Area 6: The part of WMU 61 south of the northern edge of the Hydro One transmission line running through Tudor, Grimsthorpe and Effingham Townships.
- Hunt Code: 131
- Bull Tag Quota: 2
- Cow Tag Quota: 2

Harvest Area 7: The part of WMU 62 north of highway 7.
- Hunt Code: 140
- Bull Tag Quota: 1
- Cow Tag Quota: 1

Harvest Area 8: The part of WMU 63A west of the former K&P Railway line.
- Hunt Code: 150
- Bull Tag Quota: 1
- Cow Tag Quota: 1

2019 Elk Draw Provincial Summary

General Draw Statistics

- 55 total tags available
- 1,803 total applicants entered in the draw

First Choice Applications by Area

- Area 1, WMU 57: 62
- Area 2, WMU 57: 438
- Area 3, WMU 58: 17
- Area 4, WMU 60; 84
- Area 5, WMU 61: 668
- Area 6, WMU 61: 427
- Area 7, WMU 62: 56
- Area 8, WMU 63A: 51

Total Applicants: 1,803

Elk Tag Transfers

A transfer of an elk tag can only occur within a group of hunters that applied to the draw as a group. Groups are permitted one automatic transfer each year. You can complete automatic tag transfers yourself by accessing your account in the Fish and Wildlife Licensing Service from August 1 to 17 or by visiting a participating ServiceOntario. Beginning August 18, tag transfers can only be completed at a participating ServiceOntario with an application, and the return of the original elk tag if it has been printed from the Fish and Wildlife Licensing Service. After the season opens, the transfer of an elk tag will only be considered under specific circumstances, approved by the MNRF.

A Message from Ontario's Conservation Officers

It is an offence under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*, to shoot moose, deer or elk you are not authorized to hunt. Use binoculars to make sure of your target and confirm the area behind the game is safe.

Report Resource Abuse 1-877-847-7667

Black Bear

Black Bear Seasons

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident and Non-Resident - Open Season
1A, 1C, 1D, 2-10, 11A, 11B, 12-19, 21-33, 34, 35-50, 53-64, 66-69, 71-76	May 1 to June 15
82A*, 83, 84*	May 1 to May 7
1A, 1C, 1D, 2-10, 11A, 11B, 12-19, 21-33, 34, 35-45	August 15 to October 31
46, 47, 49, 50, 53, 64, 66, 67, 69, 71-76	September 8 to November 30
48, 54-63, 68	September 1 to November 30

* Indicates bear hunting is only permitted in the geographic townships of Keppel and Sarawak in WMU 82A, the geographic township of Amabel in WMU 84.

Note: The shooting of cubs or female bears accompanied by a cub is not permitted during the spring season. Only bows and muzzle-loading guns are permitted in WMU 7A.

Black Bear Hunting Requirements

Anyone wishing to hunt black bear must have the following:

- Outdoors Card
- Black Bear Licence listed on your Licence Summary
- Black Bear Tag OR be party hunting with a person who has a valid bear tag, and
- Proof of firearm accreditation if you are hunting with a gun.

In addition, non-residents are also required to have a black bear hunting validation certificate.

Note: A licensed trapper is permitted to hunt black bear under the authority of the Trapping Licence.

Black Bear Hunting Regulations

Tagging and Transporting

See the Tag section (p.19) for details on tagging and transporting. Black bear licences and tags are valid for both the spring or fall season.

Mandatory Hunter Reporting

See the Hunter Reporting Requirements section (p.22) for details on timelines and how to submit your report.

Firearms

Big game, including black bears, may only be hunted with a firearm (includes bows). If you are hunting deer or moose at the same time you are hunting black bears, you must only use or carry (on your person, in a vehicle or boat) a firearm of the type permitted for deer or moose, as the case may be, at that time in that WMU. Specifications on the firearms, bows, bolts and arrows that are permitted when hunting black bear can be found in the General Regulations section (p.26).

Party Hunting for Black Bears

Party hunting is permitted during the bear season under a set of specific conditions. The list of conditions are listed in the General Regulations section (p.30).

Bait Placement

During the spring and fall black bear seasons, bait may not be placed for the purpose of bear hunting:

- within 500 metres of a dwelling, unless written permission is obtained from the owner of the dwelling
- within 500 metres of a public building
- within 30 metres of a right of way for public vehicular traffic or a sign posted/marked recreational trail that is established and maintained by an organization for the general public.

Other Regulations

It is illegal to possess a bear gallbladder that has been separated from the carcass.

It is illegal to let spoil or to abandon the flesh of any harvested game wildlife, including black bear, that is suitable for food.

It is illegal to hunt black bears within 400 metres of a waste disposal site, regardless of whether the land is Crown or private.

It is illegal to shoot or interfere with black bears in their dens, or damage or destroy their dens.

Export and Shipping

See the General Regulations section (p.34) for information on import, export and shipping.

In some instances, both a Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and a provincial export permit are required. A resident or non-resident black bear hunter wishing to export a black bear out of Canada must contact a MNRF district office to arrange to obtain a Canadian CITES export permit. Please allow up to 10 days to obtain a permit.

A Canadian CITES export permit is required for taxidermy mounts, black bear organs and other parts (i.e. baculum). **Note:** It is illegal to be in possession of a black bear gallbladder.

A CITES permit is not required for U.S or Canadian resident black bear hunters transporting their black bear hunting trophy consisting of the hide, hide with paws and claws attached, skull and/or meat in a fresh, frozen or salted condition back to the U.S.A or through the U.S.A en route to another part of Canada at the conclusion of their hunt. The hunter must be accompanying the black bear in these cases.

In some countries and provinces, importation of black bears is regulated; requirements for importation should be determined by the exporter prior to shipment.

Second Black Bear Tags

WMU-specific black bear second tags may be available to resident bear hunters in WMUs where population levels permit. The second tag allows you to harvest a second black bear in the WMU specified on the tag. A second tag purchased in the spring can be used in either the spring or fall season. A black bear licence is required before a second tag can be purchased. A second tag can be used before the tag received with the licence is filled. These tags are available through the Fish and Wildlife Licensing Service. Second tags are available April 15, visit ontario.ca/hunting or a participating ServiceOntario at that time for information on WMUs where second tags are available.

Non-Resident Hunting Regulations

To hunt a black bear in Ontario non-residents must have an Outdoors Card, a non-resident black bear licence, a bear tag and a black bear hunting validation certificate. The non-resident black bear licence is valid in both the spring and fall seasons. The black bear hunting validation certificate can be obtained from a bear operator (operator of a tourist establishment, guide or air carrier) licensed to provide black bear hunting services to non-residents or from the MNRF (refer to exemptions). A non-resident hunter using a licensed bear operator must hunt only in the areas designated on the black bear hunting validation certificate received from the operator. These areas can include Crown or private land located within a Bear Management Area (BMA) and private land located within a WMU designated on the operator's licence. The operator's licence does not permit the operator to provide bear hunting services on private land located within a BMA licensed to another operator. The operator must have the landowner's permission in order to provide black bear hunting services to clients on private land.

The following non-residents are not required to use a licensed bear operator. In these cases, the non-resident can contact a MNRF District office to apply for a validation certificate.

- A non-resident hunting with an immediate relative who is an Ontario resident licensed to hunt black bear in a WMU that has an open season for non-residents. An immediate relative is a person's grandparent, parent, spouse, child, step-child, sibling or grandchild.
- A non-resident who is the owner of property in a WMU that has an open black bear season for non-residents. Only one validation certificate will be issued for a property each year and you must only hunt in the WMU where the property is located.

Note: Beginning in 2021, non-residents who own property or who are hunting with an immediate relative will no longer be able to access these special black bear hunting opportunities. All non-residents will be required to hunt through a licensed bear operator.

Black Bear Spring Season

This year marks the final year of the black bear spring season pilot. MNRF will be implementing a regular annual spring season beginning in 2021. The spring season will continue to run annually from May 1st to June 15th. **Note:** There have been season changes implemented this year (2020) for the black bear season in WMUs 82A, 83 and 84 (in geographic townships where hunting is permitted).

Black Bear Population Surveys

Barbed Wire Hair Trap Survey stations will be established in several WMUs and monitored weekly from mid-May to the end of June. If you encounter a survey station, for your safety and the integrity of the data please do not disturb the station.

Voluntary Black Bear Tooth Submission

All successful black bear hunters are encouraged to submit two premolar teeth from each black bear harvested to assist in determining the age structure of local bear populations. As a thank you for providing teeth, you will be sent an Ontario Bear Hunter Crest and the age of the bear harvested.

Resident black bear hunters can submit teeth in the mail to:

Big Game Harvest Assessment Program
Natural Resources Information Section
Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry
300 Water Street, 2nd Floor, North Tower
Peterborough, ON K9J 3C7

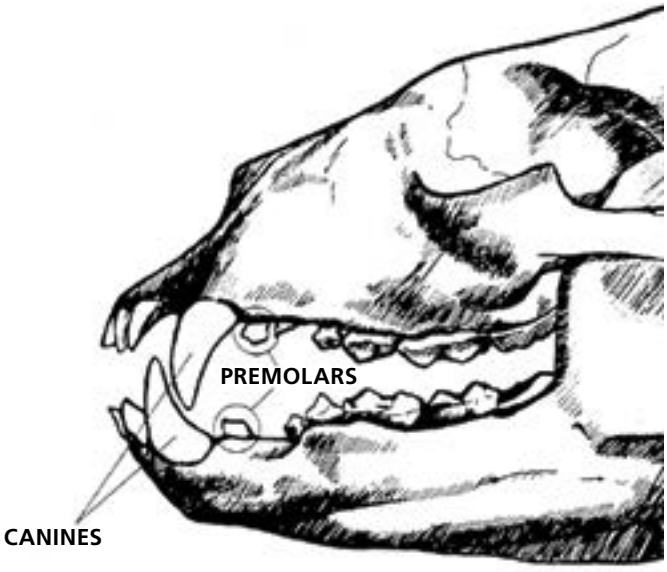
Non-residents hunting with a licensed bear operator can submit teeth to their operator who will submit the teeth to the MNRF on your behalf. Non-resident landowners or non-residents hunting with an immediate relative should submit teeth to the MNRF District office that issued the black bear hunting validation certificate.

How to Extract Teeth

The first premolar is a small, single-rooted peg-like tooth located just behind the canines. Premolar teeth are most easily extracted shortly after the animal has been killed while the jaw is still pliable. Care should be taken when extracting the tooth to ensure that the root is not broken. To remove the tooth, push the blade of a knife down along all sides of the tooth between it and the gum. Gently loosen the tooth by rocking it back and forth using the canine for leverage, then carefully remove the tooth using pliers. Avoid cleaning teeth by scraping or boiling as it limits the ability to obtain the necessary data.

Aging Premolars

To age a tooth, a thin section is taken from the root of each tooth. The section is then stained to make it easy to see the rings of the tooth. Just like rings in a tree, the rings visible on the root of the tooth can be counted to indicate the age of the bear.



Wild Turkey

Spring Wild Turkey Season – Shotgun or Bow

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident and Non-Resident - Open Season	Bag Limit
36, 42, 45, 46-50, 53-65, 66A, 67-82, 83A, 84-95	April 25 to May 31	One bearded turkey, per tag

Note: A hunter may purchase a maximum of two spring wild turkey tags (only valid for bearded turkey). Two bearded wild turkeys may not be taken on the same day. Turkey hunting during the spring season is restricted to 1/2 hour before sunrise to 7:00 p.m.

Fall Wild Turkey Season – Shotgun or Bow

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident and Non-Resident - Open Season	Bag Limit
59, 64, 65, 66A, 67, 68, 73, 76-78, 80–82, 84, 85, 87, 89-94	October 13 to October 25	One wild turkey

Fall Wild Turkey Season – Bow

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident and Non-Resident - Open Season	Bag Limit
59, 64, 65, 66A, 67, 68, 73, 76-78, 80–82, 84, 85, 87, 89-94	October 1 to October 31	One wild turkey

Note: A hunter may only purchase one fall wild turkey tag (valid for either a male or female) and may only harvest one turkey during the fall seasons.

Wild Turkey

Turkey Hunting Requirements

Anyone wishing to hunt wild turkeys must have the following:

- Outdoors Card
- Small Game Licence listed on your Licence Summary or on the back of your Outdoors Card
- Wild Turkey Tag (for the appropriate spring/fall season), and
- Proof of firearm accreditation if you are hunting with a gun.

Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations

Tagging and Transporting

Up to two spring tags may be purchased per hunter. Two birds may not be taken on the same day. Only one fall tag is permitted per hunter.

See the Tag section (p.19) for details on tagging and transporting. Information on shipping and exporting can be found in the General Regulations section (p.34).

Mandatory Hunter Reporting

See the Hunter Reporting Requirements section (p.22) for details on timelines and how to submit your report.

Firearms

Wild turkeys may be hunted using shotguns (including muzzle-loading shotguns) or bows. For additional details on firearms and ammunition requirements, see the General Regulations section (p.26).

Other Regulations

Party hunting is not permitted for wild turkey. You are permitted to call wild turkeys for another hunter after filling your own tag(s), but you must not be in possession of a firearm when doing so. It is illegal to use live decoys or electronic calls while wild turkey hunting in Ontario.

It is illegal to hunt wild turkeys within 400 metres (437 yards) of any place where bait has been deposited unless the place has been free of bait for at least seven days. Bait means corn, wheat, oats, other grain, pulse, any other feed that may attract wild turkey or any imitation of such feed. Standing crops, crops stacked in accordance with normal farming practices and grain scattered as a result of normal farming operations are not considered bait.

Key Safety Reminders for Wild Turkey Hunting

- Avoid wearing red, white or blue colours.
- Make sure any decoy or harvested turkey is fully concealed.
- When choosing a spot to hunt, select a solid background that is wider than your shoulders and taller than the top of your head.
- It is not safe to stalk a wild turkey - it might be another hunter calling or you might be mistaken for a wild turkey yourself.
- Using a gobble call can be unsafe as other hunters may mistake you for a wild turkey.
- Alert other hunters by yelling out in a loud, clear voice. DO NOT wave or make turkey sounds.
- Be sure of your target and beyond.

Wolf and Coyote

Wolf and Coyote Seasons

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident and Non-Resident - Open Season	Tag Requirement
1A, 1C, 1D, 2-10, 11A, 11B, 12-41, 42*, 46, 47, 48*, 49, 50*,53A*, 53B, 54*, 55*, 56*, 57*, 58*	September 15 to March 31	Wolf/Coyote Tag Required
43-45, 59, 60*, 61-74, 75*, 76-95	All year	None

* Indicates there are geographic townships where the wolf/coyote season is closed, which include: Airy, Alice, Allen, Anson, Anstruther, Attlee, Ballantyne, Bevin, Boulter, Boyd, Bruton, Burleigh, Burns, Burwash, Butt, Caen, Calvin, Cameron, Cardiff, Carlyle, Cavendish, Chandos, Chisholm, Clancy, Clara, Clyde, Cox, Curtin, Dalton, Dickens, Dieppe, Digby, Dudley, Eden, Eyre, Finlayson, Foster, Franklin, Fraser, Goschen, Hagarty, Halifax, Hansen, Harburn, Harcourt, Harvey, Havelock, Head, Herschel, Humboldt, Killarney, Kilpatrick, Lauder, Laura, Livingstone, Longford, Lutterworth, Maria, McClintock, McClure, McCraney, McKay, Minden, Monmouth, Murchison, Papineau, Paxton, Petawawa, Richards, Rolph, Roosevelt, Ryde, Sabine, Sale, Secord, Servos, Sinclair, Struthers, Tilton, Truman, Waldie, and Wylie.

Wolf and Coyote Hunting Requirements

Anyone wishing to hunt wolf or coyote must have the following:

- Outdoors Card
- Small Game Licence listed on your Licence Summary or on the back of your Outdoors Card
- Wolf/Coyote tag (in WMUs where a tag is required), and
- Proof of firearm accreditation if you are hunting with a gun.

Wolf and Coyote Hunting Regulations

Residents and non-residents may purchase a maximum of two wolf/coyote tags per calendar year. The tags may be purchased separately or at the same time.

It is illegal to hunt or trap wolf or coyote in the areas within and surrounding Algonquin Provincial Park, Killarney Provincial Park, Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park and Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park to help protect Algonquin wolf (formerly

Eastern wolf). Refer to the wolf and coyote season table for more details on these specific closures.

Generally, wolves and coyotes cannot be hunted in Provincial Parks or Crown Game Preserves.

Wolves and coyotes are considered furbearing mammals. It is illegal to abandon or otherwise allow the pelt of a furbearing mammal to spoil to be destroyed.

Tagging and Transporting

See the Tag section (p.19) for details on tagging and transporting.

Mandatory Hunter Reporting

See the Hunter Reporting Requirements section (p.22) for details on timelines and how to submit your report.

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Firearms

Hunters are no longer restricted from using a centre-fire rifle or shells loaded with ball or shot larger than number two shot when hunting wolf and coyote during an open season for big game. For additional details on firearms, refer to the General Regulations section (p.26).

Party Hunting

Party hunting for wolves and coyotes is not permitted in areas where a tag is required. Refer to the General Regulations section (p.30) for a definition of party hunting. However, you may hunt co-operatively, meaning all hunters participating must have a valid tag and the hunter who harvests the animal must personally invalidate their tag in accordance with the tagging instructions.

Once you have used your tag, you may not continue to participate in the hunt, unless you possess a second tag. Once you have used both of your tags, you cannot hunt wolf/coyote until the following calendar year. It is illegal to use a wolf/coyote tag to tag a wolf or coyote taken by another hunter.

In areas where a tag is not required and there are no harvest limits, you may hunt co-operatively in a group without restrictions on the number of animals harvested or who can take them.

Royalty, Export, Shipping and Import

See the General Regulations section (p.34) for information on import, export and shipping. A royalty is payable to the province at the time that a person obtains an Export Licence for Furbearing Mammals or Their Pelts.

More information on possession of pelts during the closed season can be found in the Small Game and Furbearing Mammals section (p.93).

A Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES) export permit is also required to export ALL wolves from Canada. Contact a MNRF District office to make arrangements to acquire CITES permits (available free of charge). Please allow up to 10 days to obtain a permit. More information on CITES is available at cites.ca.

In some countries and provinces, importation of wolves is regulated; requirements for importation should be determined by the exporter prior to shipment.

Small Game and Furbearing Mammals

Ruffed Grouse and Spruce Grouse Seasons

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident and Non-Resident - Open Season	Limits
1-4, 16-18, 24-27	September 15 to March 31	Combined daily limit of 5 and possession limit of 15
5-15, 19-23, 28-50, 53-67, 69B	September 15 to December 31	Combined daily limit of 5 and possession limit of 15

Ruffed Grouse Seasons
(no season for Spruce Grouse in these units)

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident and Non-Resident - Open Season	Limits
68, 73-76, 82-84	September 25 to December 31	Daily limit of 5 and possession limit of 15
69A, 70-72, 77-81, 85-95	September 25 to December 31	Daily limit of 2 and possession limit of 6

Sharp-tailed Grouse Seasons

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident and Non-Resident - Open Season	Limits
1-4, 16-18, 24-27	September 15 to March 31	Daily limit of 5 and possession limit of 15
5-15, 19-23, 28-35, 38-41	September 15 to December 31	Daily limit of 5 and possession limit of 15
36, 37, 42-50, 53-67, 69B	September 15 to December 31	Daily limit of 2 and possession limit of 6

Small Game and Furbearing Mammals

Ptarmigan Seasons

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident and Non-Resident - Open Season	Limits
1-4, 16-18, 24-27	September 15 to March 31	Daily limit of 5 and possession limit of 15

Ring-necked Pheasant Seasons

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident and Non-Resident - Open Season	Limits
1-4, 16-18, 24-27	September 15 to March 31	Daily limit of 10 and possession limit of 10
5-15, 19-23, 28-50, 53-67, 69B	September 15 to December 31	Daily limit of 10 and possession limit of 10
68, 69A, 70-94	September 25 to December 31	Daily limit of 3 and possession limit of 10
95	September 25 to the last day of February	Daily limit of 10 and possession limit of 10

Gray (Hungarian) Partridge Seasons

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident and Non-Resident - Open Season	Limits
36, 37, 42-50, 53-67, 69B	September 15 to December 31	Daily limit of 5 and possession limit of 15
68, 69A, 70-95	September 25 to December 31	Daily limit of 5 and possession limit of 15

Small Game and Furbearing Mammals

Cottontail and European Hare Seasons

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident and Non-Resident - Open Season	Limits
36, 37, 42-50, 53-67, 69B	September 15 to March 31	Daily limits of 5 and possession limits of 15
68, 69A, 70-95	September 25 to the last day of February	Daily limits of 5 and possession limits of 15

Snowshoe (Varying) Hare Seasons

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident and Non-Resident - Open Season	Limits
1-50, 53-67, 69B	September 15 to March 31	Daily limit of 5 and possession limit of 15
68, 69A, 70-95	September 25 to the last day of February	Daily limit of 2 and possession limit of 6

Gray (Black) and Fox Squirrel Seasons

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident and Non-Resident - Open Season	Limits
5-15, 19-23, 28-50, 53-67, 69B	September 15 to December 31	Combined daily limit of 5 and possession limit of 15
68, 69A, 70-95	September 25 to December 31	Combined daily limit of 5 and possession limit of 15

Arctic Fox Seasons

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident and Non-Resident - Open Season
1-4, 16-18, 24-27	October 25 to March 31

Small Game and Furbearing Mammals

Raccoon and Opossum Seasons

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident and Non-Resident - Open Season
1-50, 53-95	October 5 to January 31

Red Fox and Skunk Seasons

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident and Non-Resident - Open Season
1-35, 38-41	September 15 to the last day of February
36, 37, 42-50, 53-95	All year

Weasel Seasons

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident and Non-Resident - Open Season
1-50, 53-95	October 25 to the last day of February

Note: Arctic fox, raccoon, opossum, red fox, skunk, and weasel are considered furbearing mammals, which can be harvested under the authority of a small game licence. Generally, furbearing mammals may not be hunted in Provincial Parks and Crown Game Preserves.

Share your next experience in the field with an apprentice

- The apprenticeship program is available to those 12 to 14 years of age who have completed the Ontario Hunter Education Program.
- Apprentice hunters are able to safely develop their hunting skills through in-the-field experience with the supervision of qualified hunting mentors.
- For further information refer to the Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program section.

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Falconry Seasons and Limits

Falconry involves the use of trained raptors (birds of prey, such as red-tailed hawk) to hunt small game. A falconry licence is required to hunt with raptors native to Ontario, in addition to a valid small game licence. For more information, contact your local MNRF District office.

Hunting with Falconry Birds season is from September 1 to March 31 for residents and non-residents.

Species	Wildlife Management Unit	Limits
Ruffed Grouse, Spruce Grouse	1-50, 53-67, 69B	Combined daily limit of 3 and possession limit of 15
Ruffed Grouse	68, 73-76, 82-84	Daily limit of 3 and possession limit of 15
Ruffed Grouse	69A, 70-72, 77-81, 85-95	Daily limit of 2 and possession limit of 6
Sharp-tailed Grouse	1-35, 38-41	Daily limit of 3 and possession limit of 15
Sharp-tailed Grouse	36, 37, 42-50, 53-67, 69B	Daily limit of 2 and possession limit of 6
Ptarmigan	1-4, 16-18, 24-27	Daily limit of 3 and possession limit of 15
Ring-necked Pheasant	1-50, 53-95	Daily limit of 2 and possession limit of 10
Gray (Hungarian) Partridge	36, 37, 42-50, 53-95	Daily limit of 2 and possession limit of 15
Cottontail and European Hare	36, 37, 42-50, 53-95	Daily limit of 5 Cottontail and 3 European Hare. Possession limit of 15 of each species.
Snowshoe (Varying) Hare	1-50, 53-67, 69B	Daily limit of 3 and possession limit of 15
Snowshoe (Varying) Hare	68, 69A, 70-95	Daily limit of 2 and possession limit of 6
Gray (Black) and Fox Squirrel	5-15, 19-23, 28-50, 53-95	Combined daily limit of 5 and possession limit of 15

Bullfrog Seasons

Wildlife Management Unit	Resident and Non-Resident - Open Season	Daily and Possession Limit
1-50, 53-59, 72B, 76-95	July 15 to October 15	10

Small Game and Furbearing Mammal Hunting Requirements

Anyone wishing to hunt small game or furbearing mammals must have the following:

- Outdoors Card
- Small Game Licence listed on your Licence Summary or on the back of your Outdoors Card, and
- Proof of firearm accreditation if you are hunting with a gun.

A tag is required for wild turkey, and for wolf/coyote in select Wildlife Management Units (WMU). See the Wild Turkey and Wolf/Coyote sections for more information.

A municipal licence may also be required for hunting ring-necked pheasant, cottontail (rabbit) and hare in some municipalities in southwestern Ontario. Municipal licences can be obtained from the relevant municipal office. See the WMU maps for more information on where a municipal licence is required.

A falconry licence is also required to hunt with raptors native to Ontario.

Additional licensing requirements apply to migratory game birds. Refer to the following page and the Hunting Licence Information section (p.15) for more information.

Small Game and Furbearing Mammal Hunting Regulations

A small game licence is not valid in northern and some parts of central Ontario from June 16 to August 31. See WMU maps (p.10) for more information.

Firearms

If you are hunting small game in an area where there is an open season for deer, moose, elk, or black bear, you may not possess or use a centre-fire rifle or shells loaded with ball or with shot larger than No. 2 shot (non-toxic equivalents include steel shot larger than triple BBB, or bismuth larger than double BB), unless you possess a valid licence to hunt big game (deer, moose, elk or black bear) during the relevant open season. This restriction does not apply south of the French and Mattawa rivers during an open season for deer that is restricted to the use of bows, or to hunters with a valid small game licence who are hunting wolf or coyote during an open season for deer, moose, elk or black bear.

A person hunting small game may not carry or use a rifle of greater calibre than a .275-calibre rifle, except a muzzle-loading gun, in the geographic areas of Brant, Chatham-Kent, Durham, Elgin, Essex, Haldimand, Halton, Hamilton, Huron, Lambton, Middlesex, Niagara, Norfolk, Northumberland, Oxford, Peel, Perth, Toronto, Waterloo, Wellington or York. **Note:** It is illegal to hunt ring-necked pheasants with a rifle.

Game Bird Hunting Preserves

You may hunt ring-necked pheasant, northern bobwhite, wild turkey, gray (Hungarian) partridge and chukar throughout the year on a licensed game bird hunting preserve (**Note:** There are prohibitions on northern bobwhite and wild turkey in some areas). You must arrange with the owner/operator of the licensed game bird hunting preserve as to when you can hunt.

You are required to have a valid Outdoors Card, hunter accreditation (e.g., Licence Summary noting your accreditation), and proof of firearm accreditation if you are hunting with a gun. You will be required to present this documentation to the owner/operator of a licensed game bird hunting preserve before hunting.

Migratory Game Birds

Migratory game bird seasons are the responsibility of the federal government. The *Migratory Birds Convention Act* and its regulations govern hunting of migratory game birds. It is illegal to hunt migratory birds within 400 m (437 yd.) of where bait has been deposited unless that place has been free of bait for at least seven days. It is also illegal to deposit bait in any place during the period beginning 14 days before the first day of the open season for that place and ending on the day immediately following the last day of the open season for that place for any hunted migratory game bird.

When transporting migratory game birds, a fully feathered wing must remain attached until the bird is prepared for immediate consumption or preservation.

Migratory Game Bird Licensing

You must have a federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit (MGBHP), Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp, and an Ontario small game licence in order to hunt migratory game birds. This includes hunting with falconry birds. MGBHP and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp are available for purchase at most post offices, or online at permis-permits.ec.gc.ca/en. Season dates and bag limits are announced mid-summer in the Migratory Birds Hunting Regulations Summary.

More information on migratory birds is available at the Canadian Wildlife Service website at ec.gc.ca/rcom-mbhr or at the Canadian Wildlife Service Ontario regional office located at 4905 Dufferin Street, Toronto, Ontario, M3H 5T4, (tel): 1-800-668-6767, or email address: enviroinfo@ec.gc.ca.

Waterfowler Heritage Day

Qualified young hunters, under the age of 18, do not require a MGBHP to participate on this day, but must be accompanied by a licensed mentor who is at least 18 years of age. The youth hunter must comply with all existing safety and licensing requirements found in the Firearms Act and Ontario's hunting regulations (e.g., have a valid Outdoors Card or hunter apprenticeship safety card, daily bag and possession limits, hunting methods, etc.). Each mentor may accompany only one young hunter and mentors are not permitted to carry a firearm. If young hunters elect to hunt at other times during the open hunting season, they will be required to purchase a MGBHP and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp. For more information refer to the Migratory Birds Hunting Regulations Summary.

PENDING

Double-crested Cormorants

Ontario has proposed to introduce a hunting season for double-crested cormorants. As of press time for this publication, a hunting season for double-crested cormorants had not been established in the regulations.

Any updates on the status of the proposal to establish a hunting season for double-crested cormorants will be posted at: ontario.ca/page/hunting-notices-and-updates.

Possession of Furbearing Mammal Pelts during the Closed Season

Small game hunters who harvest furbearing mammals during the open season (including wolf and coyote) and have not sold or otherwise disposed of the pelts by the close of the season must obtain a Licence to Possess a Pelt in order to possess pelts

during the closed season. Contact your local MNRF District office to obtain a Licence to Possess a Pelt (available free of charge). It is illegal to abandon or otherwise allow the pelt of a furbearing mammal to spoil or be destroyed.

For more information on royalties and shipping of furbearing mammals or their pelts, refer to the General Regulations section (p.34).

Hunting Raccoon at Night

If you wish to hunt raccoons at night, you must be accompanied by a licensed dog. Each dog participating in the hunt must be licensed. You can only use a .22 calibre rim-fire rifle chambered for the following cartridges: .22 short, .22 long or .22 long rifle. Raccoon night hunters must have their guns unloaded and encased while in a vehicle.

A licensed night raccoon hunter may use a light if it is not shone from or attached to a vehicle or boat.

Bullfrog Requirements

Bullfrogs may be taken for personal consumption under the authority of a valid sport or conservation fishing licence. No commercial harvest of bullfrogs is permitted. The only firearms permitted for harvesting bullfrogs are bows (e.g. compound, recurve, long or crossbow). A person may take bullfrogs at night without a firearm and may shine a light for that purpose.

Note: Generally, it is illegal to harvest frogs in Provincial Parks or Crown Game Preserves.

ServiceOntario Centres

Hunting and fishing licences, as well as a variety of permits, are available at a participating ServiceOntario.

To find the nearest participating ServiceOntario, please visit ontario.ca/outdoorscard or call 1-800-387-7011 or 1-800-667-1940.

Fishing Licences – All Ontario, Canadian and Non-Resident licences and the Outdoors Card.

Hunting Licences – All Resident and Non-Resident licences, Outdoors Cards, replacement licence summaries and game tags, Hunter Safety Exam submission, Big Game Draw entry, Big Game Tag Transfers.

Permits – Non-Resident Big Game Export Permits, Non-Resident Crown Land Camping Permits.

Authorized Licence Issuers

Hunting and fishing licences are also available at licence issuers across the province. To find the nearest licence issuer location please visit ontario.ca/outdoorscard

MNRF District Offices

Call for an appointment. To be transferred to a local District office, please call 1-800-387-7011 or 1-800-667-1940.

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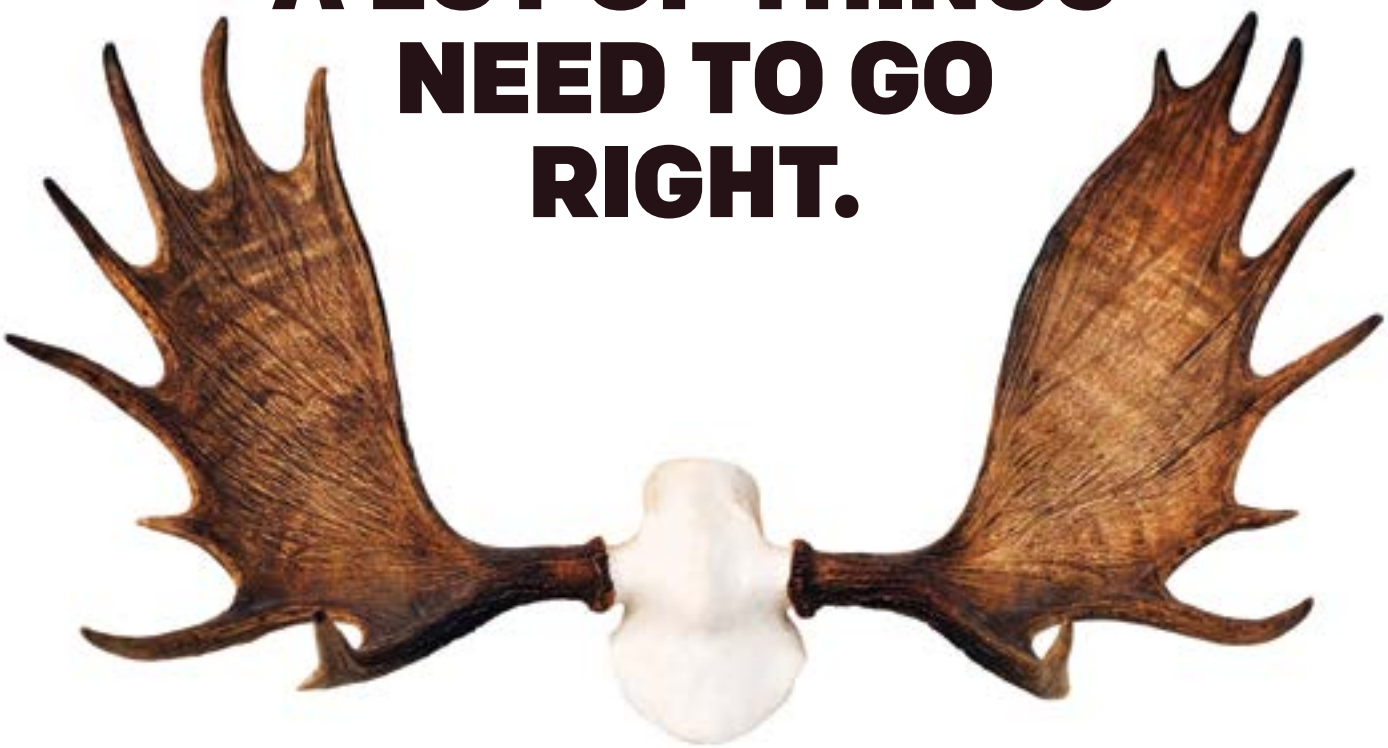

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